

Elmar Brok

Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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Dear Antonio,

with great pleasure I heard that you will be the next Secretary General of the United Nations. This is a good and consistent choice and I am very happy for you.

In recent years I have come to appreciate your sincere and balancing character on several occasions. As Prime Minister of your homeland Portugal and as High Commissioner for Refugees you have demonstrated that you are able to build bridges. Regarding the multiple challenges we face, such a character trait in high political offices is more necessary than ever - and of course the experience that you have accumulated in various offices over the decades.

I look forward to working with you in your new position and hope for a possible meeting in the near future; perhaps already at the beginning of November, when I will be on an AFET Mission in New York. It would be an honor to me.

In this spirit, I wish you all the best for the future and for the exercise of your new office from next year onwards the energy required to further develop the United Nations and make them future-proof.

Sincerely and with warm regards,

Yours



Elmar Brok