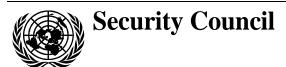
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Letter dated 23 May 2002 from the Secretary-General to the **President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to inform you that, having completed the usual consultations, it is my intention to appoint Ms. Heidi Tagliavini (Switzerland) as my Special Representative for Georgia and Head of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG), effective 1 July 2002.

Ms. Tagliavini will succeed Mr. Dieter Boden in these functions. I wish to take this opportunity to place on record my deep appreciation for Mr. Boden's tireless efforts to advance the Georgian-Abkhaz peace process and for his dynamic leadership of UNOMIG.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. Annan