



ROYAL MINISTRY
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Minister of Foreign Affairs

Oslo, 28 July 2008

Dear Ms Navathem Pillay,

Please accept my warmest congratulations on your appointment as the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. I am confident that the prominent role of the UN High Commissioner will be even further strengthened under your leadership.

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), with its unique mandate to promote respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms around the world, is a key player in these efforts. May I reiterate Norway's strong support to the important work undertaken by the OHCHR, including its continued efforts to integrate human rights into the work of all UN agencies and bodies.

Norway has been, and will continue to be, a strong supporter of all efforts to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms. Norway is committed to work actively through engagement and dialogue, and we have therefore presented our candidature to become a member of the Human Rights Council 2009 - 2012.

I would like to convey my best wishes for the important work and challenges ahead when you now prepare to take up your new position. I can assure you that Norway will continue to give its strong support to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and its office.

The Norwegian Government is very much looking forward to working closely with you, and I hope that you will find time to visit Norway in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jonas Gahr Støre', written in a cursive style.

Jonas Gahr Støre