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THE PRIME MINISTER

16 September 2002

lear Govan,

My warmest congratulations on your success yesterday.

The result is a tribute to your leadership, and to the success of your policies over the last few years. I am delighted that we will continue to work together, both in the EU, and internationally.

We have the chance, in the months to come, to make significant progress on our shared priorities: enlargement, reform of the CAP, the Lisbon Process and changes to the institutions of the EU. We can achieve much by working together.

The next European Council is only a few weeks away. It will be good to have you there.

We also have a common international agenda, based on the values we share with other progressive governments around the world - justice and opportunity for all. As we work to improve the environment, defeat terrorism, eliminate poverty, and prevent proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, Sweden's contribution, and your personal involvement, will be vitally important.

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I look forward to seeing you next month, and to talking to you before then.

Jony

His Excellency Mr Goran Persson