



THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Dear

I am addressing this letter to you and to the other NATO colleagues, as well as to the Secretary General of the Alliance, wishing to share with you some ideas, as part of our contributions and joint efforts to meet the challenges of creating a new NATO in a new Europe.

As we move forward, to enlarge NATO and to extend to new members the structure of our common Euro-Atlantic values and institutions, I believe that we all agree that NATO's enlargement, which Greece fully supports, does not provide all the answers to the problems of creating a secure and integrated Europe.

We need a comprehensive strategy for European security if we are to make our vision of a new Europe a reality.

In the context of such a strategy we are reflecting on solutions that will permit us to place NATO's enlargement in the most favourable perspective; we are seeking an enhanced role for the OSCE, the conclusion of a Charter with Russia and a strengthened cooperation, through Partnership for Peace, with countries that will join the Alliance at a later stage or not at all.

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