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Dear Madam Prime Minister,

Upon my return from Indonesia (Borobudur-meeting) I found out very quickly that Unesco had suffered a heavy loss: you had left us! But what does our loss mean vis à vis Portugal's gain? Therefore subduing my personal feelings I congratulate you wholeheartedly on the high office that was entrusted to you. Knowing about your intelligence and wisdom, your views on the problems of our world, I envy the Portuguese people for their prime-minister. Still, we are lucky too, because not only your country, but Europe too will, I am sure, benefit from your efforts. You may be assured that my country is at all times ready to assist you in an appropriate way.

Again, I regret very much your leaving us, but I have every reason to be comforted. May I offer you my very best wishes for your heavy but undoubtedly rewarding task.

With kindest regards,

M. Mourik

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P.S. Please send us a successor you have elected yourself!

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