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On September 11, the United States was struck by acts of violence of unprecedented magnitude. Since then, the North Atlantic Council has met several times to express the Allies' profound sympathy for the victims, their families and all Americans, and to reaffirm its solidarity with the United States. The transatlantic community stands united today in its condemnation of this heinous act, and in its determination to act against terrorism.

In the spirit of Article 5 of the Washington Treaty and consistent with Article 51 of the United Nations Charter, I attach for your information, and for circulation in the United Nations Security Council, the text of a statement that was approved this evening by all members of the North Atlantic Council. In addition, I attach a separate statement agreed this afternoon by the Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council.

The Council specifically agreed that if it is determined that this attack was directed from abroad against the United States, it shall be regarded as an action covered by Article 5 of the Washington Treaty, which states that an armed attack against one or more of the Allies in Europe or North America shall be considered an attack against them all.

with personal good wishes

Sincerely,

Kofi Annan

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