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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that after interviewing several candidates, I have appointed a Lithuanian national, Andrius Avižius, as Director of the Science and Technology Committee. He will take over responsibility for the Committee from Andrea Cellino, who will remain as my Deputy for Policy Coordination. The decision to hire a new Director had become a necessary step to give the STC a full-time Director, while allowing Andrea to concentrate on the Rose-Roth seminars and other activities concerning external relations.

Andrius has considerable experience in his national parliament having joined the Lithuanian Seimas in 1997. He is currently a senior advisor in the International Department of the Seimas, where he provides analysis on many aspects of European and NATO affairs. He is also the secretary of the Lithuanian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and is responsible for relations with the United States Congress.

In 2001, he was an OSCE election supervisor in Kosovo, and more recently, an OSCE observer in the last US presidential elections. In 2000, Andrius worked as a research assistant at our Secretariat. This period allowed us not only to appreciate his qualities as an analyst but also to get to know him as a very personable and conscientious individual who will serve the members of the Committee effectively and fit in well with our team at the Secretariat.

He also brings good language capabilities.

Andrius holds a Bachelors degree in Political Science and a Masters degree in European Studies from Vilnius University. He has attended courses at the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, the George C. Marshall Centre in Garmisch and Copenhagen University.

Andrius will join the Secretariat at the beginning of February 2005. I am confident he has the appropriate blend of expertise and experience to make a successful Director of our Science and Technology Committee.

Best wishes,

Simon Lunn

The Secretary General – Le Secrétaire général

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