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Dear Friend,

Our General Assembly is now behind us and the Forum is over. Each of us has returned to his or her regular activities.

First, please allow me to renew my thanks to you for the confidence that you have so kindly expressed toward me. I was touched by it, and I will try, over the course of the next three years, to be worthy of it, so as to strengthen and improve the World Water Council's reputation.

I also would like to thank you for your active participation in all your work during the General Assembly and the Forum, itself. Thanks to you, to your thoughts, and your suggestions, new, and often different, or sometimes even audacious ideas emerged. Our community needs such evolutions, which should lead to initiatives so that the cause of water for all may progress in a more concrete and sustainable manner.

Moreover, I am relying on you to further the work done before and during our meetings in Mexico. My wish is for the members and our partners to more actively take part in the life of the Council. In the coming weeks, if I may, I will consult you in order to gather your remarks and suggestions on this matter. Your point of view is very important to me and your support is invaluable.

As you know, after a vote with a wide margin on March 19th, the newly elected Board of Governors asked me to initiate discussions with the Turkish government in order to define, before summer, the arrangements for the organisation of the 5th Forum, which will take place in 2009 in Istanbul.

I will keep you informed and will consult with you regularly concerning all the numerous questions linked to the Forum organization and activities.

Whenever possible, I will visit you or will welcome you with pleasure to the Council's headquarters in Marseilles. In the meantime, I remain available should you wish to contact me directly.

Croyez, cher Ami, à mes sentiments de grande cordialité,



Loïc FAUCHON