

Letter of congratulations from M. Jacques CHIRAC, President of the Republic, to Mr Giorgio NAPOLITANO, President of Italy.

Paris, 11 May 2006

President Napolitano,

It is a pleasure for me to congratulate you most warmly on your election as President of Italy and most sincerely wish you every success in your high office.

I am delighted that your remarkable political experience, marked by a strong commitment to Europe, today brings you to this high office serving Italy and promoting her influence in the EU and the world. I shall be particularly pleased to work with you on strengthening the ties of friendship and cooperation which have always united our two peoples, and on promoting our very many common interests at both bilateral and European levels.

I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you soon.

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