



**Message of congratulations from M. Jacques CHIRAC,  
President of the Republic, to M. Idriss DEBY  
following his re-election as Head of State of Chad**

Paris, 31 May 2006

President DØby, [handwritten:] Dear Friend,

On your re-election as Head of State of Chad, I extend to you my warm congratulations and wish you every success in your high office.

Despite difficult circumstances, the presidential election proceeded in a calm atmosphere throughout Chad and under the supervision of African Union observers. This new mandate now gives you the opportunity to re-establish national unity and restore the harmony the Chadian people yearn for.

So I welcome your intention to promote a political dialogue with all the Chadian players who are refusing to resort to violence. Such a process will contribute, I am sure, to the return of peace and stability in your country.

France will support your desire for openness and continue to stand resolutely as a friend alongside the Chadian people, as she has always done.

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