



SECRETARY GENERAL
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Mark Rutte

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Dear President of the Government,

Thank you for your letter dated 19 June.

I understand that Spain is convinced it can meet the new agreed Capability Targets on a spending trajectory lower than 5% (3.5% on core defence, 1.5% on related security spending) of GDP.

In light of your letter, I can hereby confirm that the agreement at the upcoming NATO Summit will give Spain the flexibility to determine its own sovereign path for reaching the Capability Target goal and the annual resources necessary as a share of GDP, and to submit its own annual plans.

In addition, the trajectory and balance of spending under this plan will be reviewed in 2029, in light of the strategic environment and updated NATO Capability Targets.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Rutte", followed by a horizontal line.

Mark Rutte

His Excellency
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President of the Government of the Kingdom of Spain
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