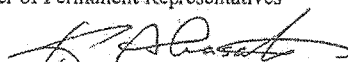


**NOTE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL**  
(through Mr. Nambiar)

Western European Trust in the United Nations and the European Union

I presented the results of a Eurobarometer survey released in September 2009 to the members of the Western European and Other States Group on 30 November, as part of my regular briefings to Member States on initiatives by the Department of Public Information.

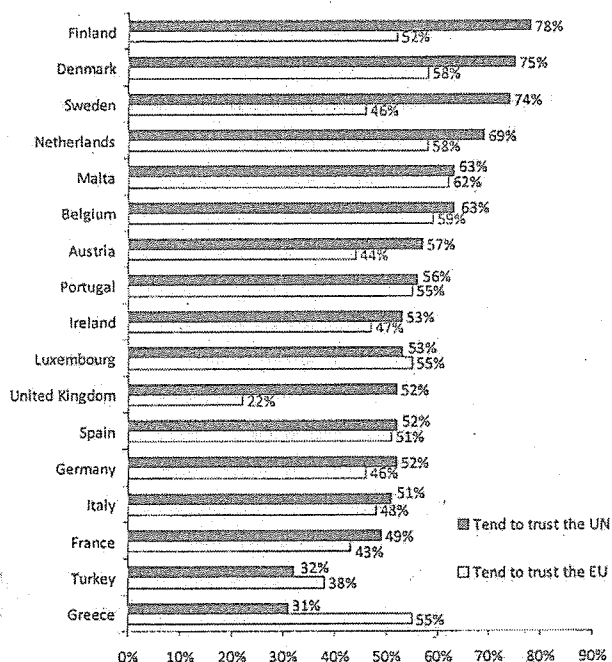
Publics in European nations were asked about their levels of trust in institutions, including the European Union and the United Nations. Across the western European countries polled, 56% of respondents said they "tend to trust" the United Nations, while 49% said they tend to trust the European Union. Trust in the United Nations was strongest among respondents in Finland, Denmark, Sweden and the Netherlands. The United Kingdom respondents showed an average rate of trust in the UN at 52%, and the lowest level of trust in the European Union at 22%. Turkish and Greek respondents showed the lowest levels of trust in the United Nations, at 32% and 31% respectively. A number of Permanent Representatives found this latest poll of interest and I wanted to share it with you.



Kiyo Akasaka  
1 December 2009

**Western Europe:  
Public Trust in the United Nations and the European Union**

**Question:** I would like to ask you a question about how much trust you have in certain institutions.  
For each of the following institutions, please tell me if you tend to trust it or tend not to trust it.  
[United Nations, European Union]



cc: Deputy-Secretary-General, Mr. Pascoe, Mr. Kim, Mr. Orr, Mr. Haysom, Mr. Meyer