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Statement by Ambassador Mark Sedwill, NATO's Senior Civilian Representative to Afghanistan

**Stan McChrystal is one of the finest men I have ever known. He is and will remain a lifelong friend.**

**General McChrystal has also been an outstanding military commander who was pivotal in creating and driving forward NATO's strategy in Afghanistan to regain the initiative against the insurgency, resolve the political tensions which fuel it and transition responsibility to the Government of Afghanistan as we help build their capabilities.**

**This strategy remains the basis of the campaign. The campaign remains on course. The Afghan people should have no doubt of our commitment to build a stable Afghanistan and a safer world.**

**I look forward to working with General David Petraeus whose remarkable track record speaks for itself. He will provide the continuity and strong leadership required to meet the challenges ahead.**

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