

Open Letter to President Alexander Stubb

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Dear President Stubb,

Finland is often cited as one of the world's most successful countries.

Strong institutions, low corruption, high levels of education, public trust, technological innovation, and effective government have earned Finland an international reputation that many nations admire.

You became President at a time when the security environment of Northern Europe had changed dramatically.

For decades, Finland pursued military non-alignment while maintaining strong national defence capabilities.

Today, Finland is a member of NATO and faces a geopolitical reality very different from the one that existed only a few years ago.

One of your greatest strengths as President has been your ability to represent Finland confidently in this new environment.

You have consistently emphasized cooperation with European partners, support for Ukraine, strong national defence, and close cooperation within NATO.

You have also communicated Finland's position clearly and professionally on the international stage.

In an era when many political leaders attract attention through confrontation, your style has been notably different.

You often appear calm, informed, and pragmatic.

Many citizens find reassurance in that approach.

Another strength has been your understanding of international affairs.

Having served as Prime Minister, Foreign Minister, Finance Minister, Member of the European Parliament, and European policymaker, you entered the presidency with unusual experience in international politics.

This experience has helped Finland navigate a period of significant uncertainty.

However, some criticisms also deserve consideration.

Finland's economy has struggled with slow growth in recent years.

Although the President is not primarily responsible for economic policy, many citizens ultimately judge national leadership by the overall direction of the country.

There are also concerns about demographic trends.

An ageing population, labour shortages, and long-term welfare system sustainability remain important challenges.

Some observers argue that Finland's political leadership, including the presidency, has focused heavily on security issues while giving less public attention to economic competitiveness and long-term growth.

Others worry that Europe as a whole is becoming increasingly dependent on geopolitical confrontation and defence spending, potentially at the expense of innovation, productivity, and economic development.

These concerns are not directed at Finland alone, but they are part of the broader environment in which your presidency operates.

What I would like to see from your leadership in the future is a continued commitment to security combined with equal attention to prosperity.

Security is essential.

But the strongest nations are those that are not only safe, but also economically dynamic, technologically advanced, and optimistic about the future.

Finland has many advantages that most countries can only envy.

The challenge now is not simply protecting those achievements.

It is building upon them.

History may remember your presidency as one that successfully guided Finland into a new era of European security.

The question is whether that era will also bring renewed economic confidence and long-term national vitality.

My overall assessment:

4.5 out of 5.

You inherited a well-functioning country facing serious geopolitical challenges and

have so far demonstrated competence, stability, international credibility, and effective representation of Finland's interests. While important economic and demographic challenges remain, your performance as President has been consistently strong and reassuring during a period of significant uncertainty.

Respectfully,

A Citizen of the World

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