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SUBJECT: SECOND REQUEST: COMMUNICATION FROM SPECIAL

RAPPORTEUR ON TORTURE

- 1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED A COMMUNICATION FROM THEO VAN BOVEN, SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS ON TORTURE DATED 8 OCTOBER 2003.
- 2. BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER.

"8 OCTOBER 2003

#### EXCELLENCY,

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO WRITE TO YOU IN MY CAPACITY AS SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS ON TORTURE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION 2003/32, ADOPTED AT ITS 59TH SESSION. IN THIS RESOLUTION, THE COMMISSION INTER ALIA:

- "31.CALLS UPON ALL GOVERNMENTS TO COOPERATE WITH AND ASSIST THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS TASK, TO SUPPLY ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION REQUESTED BY HIM...,
- 32.URGES THOSE GOVERNMENTS THAT HAVE NOT YET RESPONDED TO COMMUNICATIONS TRANSMITTED TO THEM BY THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR TO ANSWER WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY;"

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE REVIEW AUTHORITY: FRANK E SCHMELZER DATE/CASE ID: 10 DEC 2004 200303827

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A COPY OF ALLEGATIONS SENT PREVIOUSLY IS ATTACHED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE. IN THE LIGHT OF THE ABOVE RESOLUTION, I WOULD LIKE TO KINDLY REQUEST YOUR GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE ALLEGATIONS PREVIOUSLY SENT TO YOU AND AGAIN ATTACHED HEREWITH. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE REPLY OF YOUR GOVERNMENT WERE TO BE RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS BY 17 NOVEMBER 2003, IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO INCLUDE ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION IN MY REPORT TO THE NEXT SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

THEO VAN BOVEN
SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS ON TORTURE."

- 3. END TEXT.
- 4. MISSION WILL FAX COPY OF NOTE AND ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION TO IO/SHA, ATTENTION THOMAS JOHNSON AND LINDA MUNCY.
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