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8 December 2015

Dear Mr. Busse,

On behalf of the Deputy Secretary-General, thank you for your letter of 22 September 2015, expressing the interest of the International Committee of the American College of Trial Lawyers to support the work of the United Nations and its Member States in strengthening the rule of law.

I would like to convey the Deputy Secretary-General's appreciation for the valuable work that the Committee undertakes, as well as his increasing concern about the diminishing respect for international law. In this regard, every effort to promote international standards and the rule of law is welcomed.

Thank you too for your offer of assistance. The Rule of Law Unit in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General will ensure that your expression of interest is shared with relevant parts of the United Nations system. In particular, your letter will be made available to the members of the United Nations Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group, comprising 20 United Nations entities with programmes on the rule of law, as well as with the United Nations Global Compact and its Business for the Rule of Law initiative.

The focal point for this issue is Mr. Edric Selous, Director of the Rule of Law Unit ([selous@un.org](mailto:selous@un.org)), with whom a copy of your letter was shared. I wish you all the best in your important work.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'F. Ziai'.

Fatemeh Ziai  
Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary-General

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I refer to the attached letter addressed to you from Mr. Richard Busse dated 22 Sept. 2015. In reviewing the context of his letter, I recommend that a response should be sent. A draft reply from you is attached, for your approval and signature.

Thank you.

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September 22, 2015

Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson  
Executive Office of the Secretary-General  
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New York, New York 10017

Dear Deputy Secretary-General Eliasson:

As the incoming Chair of the International Committee of the American College of Trial Lawyers I am writing to inquire if our 5,000 member organization, which is dedicated to the advancement of the rule of law, may be of assistance.

The College is a peer elected body of trial lawyers in the United States and Canada limited to the top 1% in any state or province. Every member of the United States Supreme Court is an honorary member. One of the principal activities of the International Committee is to partner with organizations such as Lawyers Without Borders, the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative, the International Senior Lawyers Project, and War Child, to use Fellows of the College to train lawyers in foreign countries on civil and criminal trial procedure to promote the rule of law.

For example, we placed a Fellow to train human rights lawyers in Russia. A Spanish speaking Fellow volunteered to train lawyers in Columbia. This November a delegation of twelve Fellows will travel to the island of Palau to train lawyers and judges on criminal trial procedure, as that island nation's constitution has recently been amended to provide for jury trials in felony cases. But frankly, there are more lawyers who want to help at their own expense than there are opportunities to serve.

I am writing in the hope that the United Nations, and your program in particular, may be able to use the vast reservoir of talent the College offers to promote the rule of law internationally, whether it be to train lawyers and judges in emerging democracies, or to provide an open channel to individual lawyers in countries such as China or Cuba who may want to learn how our legal system works.

Deputy Secretary-General Eliasson  
September 22, 2015  
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I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Busse', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

RICHARD C. BUSSE