

Sandra Haji-Ahmed/NY/UNO  
12/12/2007 12:43 PM

To Alessandra F. Cabras/NY/UNO@UNHQ  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Re: Fw: CICIG

Dear Alessandra,

We have no comments on the draft letter.  
Kind regards  
Sandra  
Alessandra F. Cabras/NY/UNO

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Cabras/NY/UNO  
11/12/2007 03:43 PM

To Sandra Haji-Ahmed/NY/UNO@UNHQ  
cc  
Subject Fw: CICIG

Dear Sandra,  
sorry to be bothering on this once more but was wondering if you have any comment. This is a new initiative and we would like to have all on board before we proceed.  
Thank you in advance  
Best  
Alessandra

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Alessandra F.  
Cabras/NY/UNO  
10/12/2007 05:37 PM

To Sandra Haji-Ahmed/NY/UNO@UNHQ  
cc Lara Khalife/NY/UNO@UNHQ  
Subject CICIG

Dear Sandra,  
I refer to my message of 6 December on the above issue and more particular about the issues of a letter of appointment for the Commissioner Mr. Castresana. Following that message, I received further clarification from DPA. I attached below the exchanges with all the details which in a nutshell could be resumed as follows:

1. DPA is not asking for what we call a Letter of Appointment but for a letter like the one the SG sends to the Judges of the Court of Sierra Leone informing them of his decision to appoint them. According to DPA the letter would help smooth collaboration with other departments who seem not to consider the appointment official until there is some sort of letter of appointment. The draft letter, which was cleared by OLA is attached  
[attachment "letter of apt 7 Dec 07.doc" deleted by Sandra Haji-Ahmed/NY/UNO]
2. UNDP will manage the Trust Fund
3. The contract will either be issued by UNDP (our preference, as it is managing the trust fund) or by the Commission itself.

I view of the above clarifications received from DPA I would be grateful if you would share any comment

you might have before we process the draft letter.  
Thank you once more for your help  
Alessandra

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Martha Doggett/NY/UNO

07/12/2007 10:27 AM

To Alessandra F. Cabras/NY/UNO@UNHQ  
cc Carolina Vizcaino/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Alexandra  
Pichler/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Ana Jimenez/NY/UNO@UNHQ  
Subject Re: CICIG letter of appointment

Good morning, I am happy to come up to resolve the outstanding issues. Let me know when it would fit into your schedule. As mentioned in my phone message, I am not aware of any concerns from the Controller's Office. The Secretariat will not issue a contract to the Commissioner. The contract will either be issued by UNDP (our preference, as it is managing the trust fund) or by the Commission itself. Given that this is an unusual matter, I think we will prepare a draft letter for your consideration. This is the procedure used in the SG's appointments of judges for Sierra Leone, which is the closet model. While OLA has suggested that a letter of appointment technically may not be necessary, in my view it would help smooth collaboration with other departments who seem not to consider the appointment official until there is some sort of letter of appointment. Though in this case the letter would not specify the terms of employment as those issues are regulated and dealt with elsewhere. best, Martha Doggett

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06/12/2007 08:19 PM

To Martha Doggett/NY/UNO@UNHQ  
cc Karina Gerlach/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Lara  
Khalife/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Ann De La  
Roche/NY/UNO@UNHQ  
Subject Re: CICIG letter of appointment

Dear Martha,

When we received the note about the letter of appointment my understanding was that DPA was recommending that, now that the recommended level of the position was clarified, a "letter of appointment / contract" be issued for the Commissioner who had been already appointed in September. In this case, in addition to the reply to the concern from the Controller's Office, we would need more details such as the duration of the appointment, type of contract, duty station. This is the standard procedure.

However, from what you wrote in your latest e-mail it seems that you are referring to a letter to the Commissioner. If this is the case, the decision of the SG is already in the public domain, therefore what would be the purpose of the letter? You indicate that the funds to cover the cost of the operations of CICIG would be managed by UNDP, does it mean that the "contract" will be issued by UNDP? Indeed, let's me know when you will be able to meet tomorrow to discuss further, clarify the situation and move on this issue.

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Alessandra

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06/12/2007 05:17 PM

To Alessandra F. Cabras/NY/UNO@UNHQ

cc Ann De La Roche/NY/UNO@UNHQ

Subject CICIG letter of appointment

Dear Alessandra, I am sorry that we have missed eachother concerning CICIG . CICIG is a non UN body funded entirely by voluntary contributions managed by UNDP in Guatemala. As such, neither OHRM nor the controller are involved. Both were consulted back in December 2006 when the agreement was signed with the government of Guatemala and signed off on the project, but have not since been involved. The closest model for CICIG is the Court in Sierra Leone. I have some sample letters of appointment for judges on that court, which can be used as a model. If you would like my office to provide you with a draft text, we could do so, though not likely until tomorrow, given other commitments today. I trust that you have Mr. Nambiar's note to Mr. Pascoe of 11 Sept. 2007 approving the appointment of Mr. Castresana. I have a meeting at 5:30 outside my office but will try to call you again on my return to the office, probably around 6 or 6:15. Best, Martha Doggett

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Carolina Vizcaino/NY/UNO

07/12/2007 05:25 PM

To Alessandra F. Cabras/NY/UNO@UNHQ

cc Martha Doggett/NY/UNO@UNHQ

Subject Draft letter of appointment

Dear Ms. Cabras,

Please find attached the draft letter of appointment. We will meet with you shortly.



Thank you.

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