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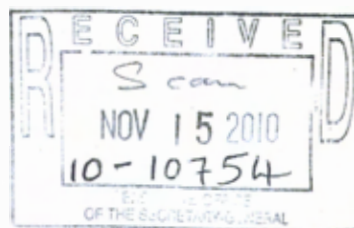
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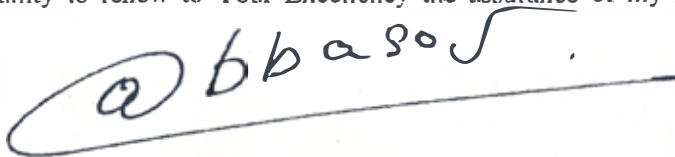
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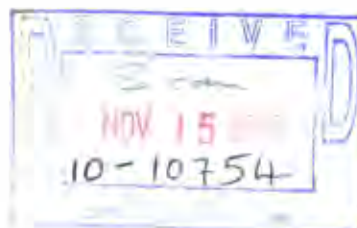
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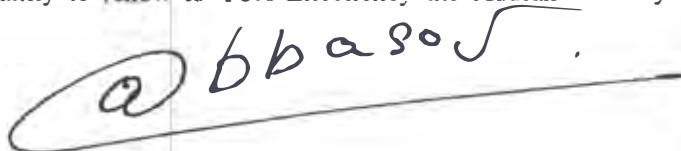
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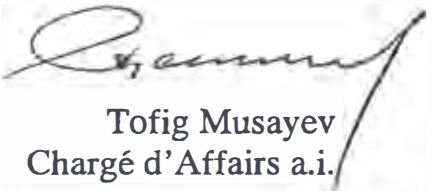
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Dear Mr. Nambiar,

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I also have the honour to attach the draft of the abovementioned address, which has been prepared in consultation with the UN experts. I would highly appreciate if you could assist in positive consideration of our request.

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Excellency,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I wish to thank you for your letter dated 11 November 2010, inviting him to attend or send a welcoming letter to the International Bakutel-2010 Opening Ceremony and the Session of the Heads of Administrations of the Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications, to be held in Baku on 23 November 2010.

Unfortunately, as you rightly anticipated, the Secretary-General will be unable to travel to Baku to take part in this event, on such short notice. Nonetheless, I am pleased to inform you that the Secretary-General has decided to send a written message to the event.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Vijay Nambiar
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His Excellency
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A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

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**Letter in reply to invitation from HE Professor Dr. Ali M. Abbasov to the
UN SG to attend or send a letter to Bakutel-2010, Baku, 23 Nov 2010**

Mudiwa Mapuranga to: farid-jafarov, azerbaijan

19/11/2010 06:39 PM

Cc: Sebastien Lawson, Ruxandra Ferascu, Elizabeth Wanic

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached a response to the invitation from His Excellency Professor Dr. Ali M. Abbasov, Commissioner of the Broadband Commission for Digital Development and Minister of Communications and Information Technologies of the Republic of Azerbaijan, to the Secretary-General to attend or send a welcoming letter to the International Bakutel-2010 Opening Ceremony and the Session of the Heads of Administrations of the Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications, to be held in Baku on 23 November 2010.

The original letter has been sent to your Mission by mail.

Thank you.

Best regards,

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Fw: Request from Azerbaijan
Sebastien Lawson to: Mudiwa Mapuranga

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MM, can you please provide a draft on Friday morning. Thank you.

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As discussed, Richard, CdC asked to send a written message if doable. Thanks.

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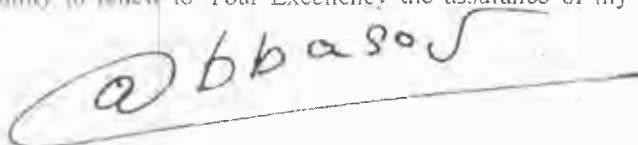
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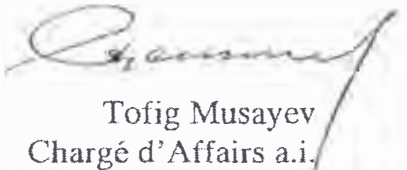
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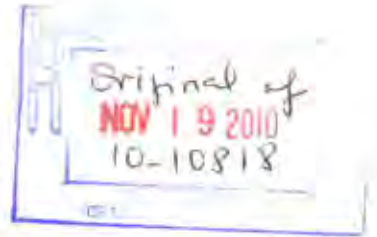
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TO: Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro
A: Deputy Secretary-General

DATE: 16 November 2010

THROUGH: Ms. Angela Kane
S/C DE: Under Secretary-General for Management

FROM: Jun Yamazaki,
DE: Assistant Secretary-General, Controller

SUBJECT: Programme Support Cost Policy
OBJET:

1. This is in reference to the request of the Secretary-General to receive detailed briefing about the current policy of the United Nations Secretariat with respect to Programme Support Cost (PSC) and whether changes can be initiated.

2. The current principles of the budgetary mechanisms of the Organization, as pronounced by Member States, require that the Organization sufficiently recover costs associated with the activities it undertakes. Under certain circumstances, there may be room for reduced rates from the 13% PSC rate, while maintaining the principle that 13% is the norm. We need to avoid adverse implications not only on the regular budget, but also on the delivery of the mandated work programme of offices and departments within the Organization.

3. Over the years the United Nations Secretariat has applied reduced PSC rates for certain trust funds with substantial financial resources, and those utilizing pass through modality. In addition, ad-hoc approvals of various reduced PSC rates are granted, on an exceptional basis, for individual cash contributions when circumstances so warrant. As a result, according to the United Nations' Financial Statement for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/65/5 (Vol. I)) the actual average PSC rate recovery is at the level of 6.2%.

4. It should be noted that the reduced 7% PSC rate charged mainly by the Funds and Programmes, while appearing to be lower than the standard 13% PSC charged by the United Nations Secretariat, needs to be considered in conjunction with the alternative recovery modalities adopted by these United Nations entities which reflect their different business models. Considered together, *de-facto* the costs may be at least at the same level, if not higher.

5. We are presently reviewing the cost recovery modalities for various types of services provided by the UN Secretariat. Within the scope of this review, we will include guidelines for providing prescribed reduced PSC rates that can be applied under certain circumstances, while maintaining the 13% PSC rate as the norm.

6. Please find enclosed herewith a Briefing Paper.

Programme Support Cost

Briefing Paper

1. Programme Support Cost (PSC) is intended to recover the incremental indirect costs associated with supporting extrabudgetary activities. This, in turn, ensures that these costs are not borne solely by the Regular Budget and Peacekeeping Operation Budgets (Assessed Budget.)

2. The regulatory requirement for charging PSC is stipulated in ST/SGB/188 on Establishment and Management of Trust Funds and in ST/AI/286 on Programme Support Accounts. The rationale of the requirement derives from Financial Rule 103.4(b), which was promulgated pursuant to Regulation 3.11 in ST/SGB/2003/7 on Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, and provides that "*[v]oluntary contributions, gifts or donations which directly or indirectly involve additional financial liability for the Organization may be accepted only with the approval of the General Assembly.*". Therefore, voluntary contributions can be accepted only if they do not entail additional financial liability.

3. The standard 13% PSC rate is based on the decision of UNDP Governing Council 80/44 that was noted by the General Assembly in its resolution 35/217. This level of reimbursement was a compromise since it represented, according to cost-measurement study by the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (CCAQ), the predecessor of the High-Level Committee on Management (HLCM), approximately half of the total support costs incurred as the average support-cost figure was 23.3%. It was already determined that conducting such a new study is cumbersome, costly and time consuming and would almost certainly outweigh the benefits.

4. Over the years the United Nations Secretariat has applied reduced PSC rates in various circumstances, as detailed below, and according to the United Nations' Financial Statement for the biennium 2008-2009 {A/65/5 (Vol. I)} the average PSC rate recovery is at the level of 6.2%.

5. The United Nations Secretariat applies reduced PSC to:

5.1 Trust funds with substantial financial resources, such as the United Nations Foundation (through UNFIP) have a reduced rate of 5% PSC with an additional separate budget allocation provided by the UN Foundations for UNFIP Secretariat. Also for those contributions made by the European Commission under a framework agreement applied to the whole UN system, the PSC rate is 7% with scope for charging a number of costs directly to the project. The reduced PSC is determined further to negotiations with the donor, usually at the inception of the trust fund, and dependent on the magnitude of the financial resources. The two sometimes have a reverse correlation; the larger the contributed amount, the lower the PSC rate is.

5.2 Trust funds with pass through modality, according to which the substantive offices and/or departments of United Nations Secretariat do not implement the projects by themselves, but rather retain the services of implementing partners. In such cases, the PSC rate is prorated between the United Nations Secretariat and the implementing partner to ensure that a single contribution is not charged more than 13% PSC due to the administrative costs charged by various contractors and sub-contractors. The Central Emergency Relief Fund (CERF) charges 10% PSC that is prorated at the ratio 3% and 7% between the United Nations Secretariat and the implementing partner respectively. The same PSC rate and ratio are applied in the Trust Fund for Human Security.

In addition, ad-hoc approvals of various reduced PSC rates are granted, on an exceptional basis, for individual cash contributions to Trust Funds with 13% PSC, when circumstances so warrant.

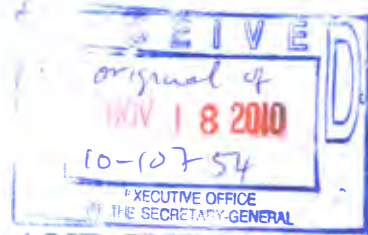
6. The Funds and Programmes, such as UNDP and UNICEF, while charging reduced 7% PSC, *de-facto* may receive more than 13% PSC in view of various alternative recovery mechanisms they have developed to recoup their indirect costs that are most suitable to their business model, such as charging for individual transactions, charging indirect costs, including PSC of implementing partners as direct costs to the project, and/or retaining accrued interest earned on the contribution. In addition, as explained in paragraph 5.2 above, whereas the United Nations Secretariat ensures in its agreements with its implementing partners that the cumulative PSC rate charged to a single contribution does not exceed the cumulative maximum rate of 13%, regardless of the number of implementing partners and their contractors and sub-contractors, our understanding is that the Funds and Programmes allows implementing partners, within and outside the United Nations system to charge the administrative costs provided in their respective regulatory framework, which can charge any PSC rate in the range between 1% and 20% in addition to the 7% PSC.

7. The alternative recovery mechanisms not only give the impression of a reduced PSC rate, whereas de-facto this is not the case, but also are not always fully transparent. These mechanisms also increase the overall administrative and transaction costs. In addition, the application of various reduced PSC rates by United Nations Entities leads to an unwelcome shift from a single, simplified and coherent recovery mechanism, which is applied consistently and uniformly by all United Nations system organizations, to a segregate and decentralized recovery mechanisms, which differ from one organization to another, creating unnecessary confusion, and resulting in competition for resources mobilization within the United Nations System. The JIU in its report, JIU/2002/3 and its new draft report on the Policies and Procedures for the Administration of Trust Fund in the United Nations System Organizations, which has been circulated recently, raises concerns about such practices and their implications.

8. Since the United Nations Secretariat already applies a reduced PSC, as explained in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, there is not much room for further a-priori categorical reduction. Lower PSC rate would not suffice to cover the costs of the backstopping services that, in turn, would inevitably result in a substantial burden on the limited resources of the regular budget and in an adverse impact on the delivery of the mandated work plan. In effect, under-funding the administrative services which provide space, communications, HR support, financial and other support services to substantive programmes would have the perverse effect of undercutting the delivery of such substantive activities. However, a review will be conducted so that the current practice with respect to the reduced PSC will be regularized and formalized and combined with the standard 13% PSC rate into guidelines that provide tiered fixed PSC rates that will be applicable to various categories of trust funds, depending on the different implementation arrangements.

9. In view of the JIU observation with respect to the lack of harmonization among the United Nations system organizations regarding the application of PSC rate that leads to competition within the Organization on Extrabudgetary Resources, it is encouraged that the policy of the United Nations Secretariat of maintaining 13% PSC as the overarching rate for most activities along with fixed reduced tiered rates would be applied consistently and uniformly by all United Nations system organizations to enhance efficiency, fairness and transparency.

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Honorable Mr. Secretary-General,

As a Commissioner at the *Broadband Commission for Digital Development* and as the Minister of Communications and Information Technologies of the Republic of Azerbaijan I must admit that **I was deeply impressed by your valuable ideas of considering the broadband solution as one of the major tools for reaching the MDG's that You have expressed at the recent Meeting of the Commission in New York.** We all at the Commission believe that the Commission's report shall serve as a roadmap for promoting cultural diversity and multilingualism in the online world.

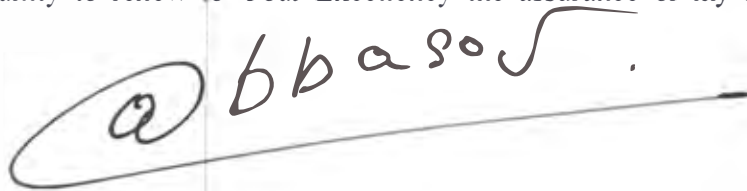
International Bakutel-2010 Exhibition and Conference being the largest ICT event in the Caspian basin and Caucuses region is annually held under patronage of **H.E. Ilham Aliyev, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan** and it has been continuously supported by international organizations, including ITU, UNDESA and UNDP, as well as by the regional governments during the last decade that helped the event to expand its scale and the global status.

The influence of *Bakutel* has made possible to organize a number of several important international events within its framework, such as another Session of the Heads of Administrations (Ministers) of the Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications (RCC) that will be held within the Bakutel in Azerbaijan will once more consider the possibilities for the regional governments to promote broadband's market entry and related services and to ensure ample availability of spectrum to support mobile broadband growth in the CIS and Eastern Europe countries that the RCC covers.

As a Secretary-General who always stands for ICT as a tool for achieving MDGs I invite you to join the Bakutel Opening Ceremony and the RCC Ministerial Meeting to be held on November 23, 2010 in Baku, Azerbaijan. However, I understand that short notice of this invitation may not match Your pre-scheduled arrangements. With this in mind, however I ask you, Mr. Secretary-General, to address the welcoming letter on Your behalf to the participants of the events.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "a b b a s o v .", with a large circular flourish at the beginning and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Prof. Dr. Ali M. Abbasov
Commissioner, Broadband Commission for Digital Development