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**Note to Ms. Bárcena**

Office of the Focal Point for Women – Staffing Requirements

Attached please find a memo from Rachel Mayanja on the staffing requirements for the Office of the Focal Point for Women.

I would like to ask you to favourably consider the request and I would be happy to further discuss this matter with you.

Many thanks.



Asha-Rose Migiro  
25 January 2008

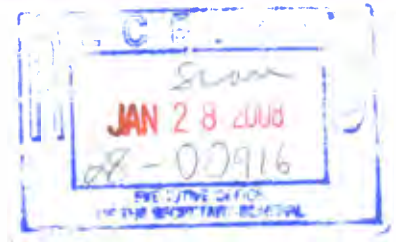
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MEMORANDUM INTERIEUR



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

DATE: 24 January 2008

REFERENCE:

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*Rachel Mayanja*

FROM: Rachel N. Mayanja  
DE: Special Adviser on Gender Issues and  
Advancement of Women  
OSAGI/DESA

SUBJECT: **Office of the Focal Point for Women - Staffing**  
OBJET: **Requirements**

Further to our discussion of the resource constraints in the Office of the Focal Point for Women, please find below our suggestions for redressing this critical gap.

The Office of the Focal Point for Women has one professional post, D1 and 2 GS posts. A professional post (P4) has been loaned to the Office from UNICEF for four years. However, this arrangement will expire on 31 January 2008. In the immediate term, and to avert a loss of a professional staff, the Controller's office has been approached requesting a one or two month extension. However, in order to ensure that the office can continue to function and to give time for a sustainable, budgeted long term solution, a short term arrangement in the United Nations Secretariat to provide a P4 post is urgently required.

My office approached DESA for this short term assistance. Regrettably, they do not have any posts which can be temporarily redeployed. Meanwhile, we have submitted our requirements for OSAGI, including a P4 post for the Focal Point Office in the context of the strengthening of the development pillar. This is indeed a critical gap that places the Organization at risk. We therefore look to your office for support in securing the requested resources.

cc: Mr. Vijay Nambiar ✓  
Ms. Alicia Barcena  
Mr. Warren Sach