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To: Mr. Nambiar

Please find attached a draft letter received from Mr. Antonio Maria Costa, Executive Director UNOV addressed to the President of Kazakhstan.

The letter requests the assistance of the President for the physical renovation of the CARICC. It also asks for the help of the President in enabling signature to the host country agreement. It appears that this communication is in order.

Your approval of the same is requested.


Nicholas Haysom
24 June 2009

Cc: KWS

Approved. You call
before the UNOV
board

LT Does. See e-mail of 28/6/09

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Excellency

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In view of your commitment to strengthen regional and international cooperation, I kindly seek your support, Excellency, to ensure swift consideration and resolution of the outstanding issues related to CARICC.

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

Josiane Ambiehl/NY/UNO

23/06/2009 02:10 PM

To Kishore Mandhyan/NY/UNO@UNHQ

cc nambiarv@un.org, taylor17@un.org, sharmaasim@un.org,
willingston@un.org, williamsons@un.org, thiri@un.org,
Roselaure Charles/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Maria

bcc

Subject UNOV - Kazakhstan

Dear Kishore

Linda informed last week that you were working on a response to this letter.

A reminder was sent by UNOV this morning to Mr. Nambiar as follows.

Has the letter been responded to already?

Thank you, Josiane

----- Forwarded by Josiane Ambiehl/NY/UNO on 23/06/2009 02:08 PM -----

Roberto
ARBITRIO/VIENNA/UNO@U
NOV

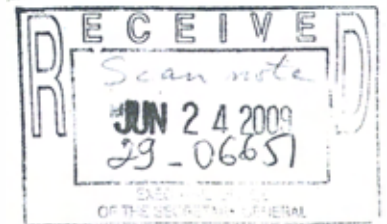
23/06/2009 11:38 AM

To Vijay Nambiar/NY/UNO@UNHQ

cc Josiane Ambiehl/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Linda
MOS-DUHR/VIENNA/UNO@UNOV, Edeltraud
HUBER-PREINER/VIENNA/UNO@UNOV, Raechelle
NEWMAN/VIENNA/UNO@UNOV

Subject Introducing myself and letter on Kazakhstan

ACTION *W 14/10/2009*
COPY *VN 10/10/2009*



Dear Mr. Nambiar,

It is a pleasure writing to you first to introduce myself as newly appointed Chief of the Office of the Executive Director of UNODC and Director-General of UNOV. I would really appreciate it if you could count on my support for whatever issue might require my assistance.

Secondly, please allow me to bring to your attention the case of a required clearance from the SG's Office of a letter of Mr. Costa replying to a note by the President of Kazakhstan. Our respective Offices are already coordinating this matter but urgency is now required in view of a meeting called by the Ambassador of Kazakhstan with Mr. Costa on 29 June. Having the letter cleared before the meeting of 29 June would be of great help and it would serve the purpose of sound cooperation with the Government of Kazakhstan. As reference, I am pleased to attach a copy of the letter.

Linda Taylor/NY/UNO

28/06/2009 11:21 AM

To Linda MOS-DUHR/VIENNA/UNO@UNOV

cc Roberto ARBITRIO/VIENNA/UNO@UNOV, Edeltraud
HUBER-PREINER/VIENNA/UNO@UNOV, Kishore
Mandhyan/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Josiane

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Subject Letter UNOV-Kazakhstan

Dear Linda,

Please find attached the text of the letter as approved by the Chef de Cabinet.

Best regards,

Linda Taylor
Principal Officer
Office of the Chef de Cabinet



Letter from Costa to Nazargayev.pdf

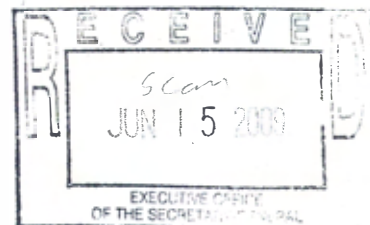
Linda
MOS-DUHR/VIENNA/UNO@
UNOV

15/06/2009 10:23 AM

To Linda Taylor/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Janice
Willington/NY/UNO@UNHQ
cc Edeltraud HUBER-PREINER/VIENNA/UNO@UNOV

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Subject Letter for Ambassador Nambiar's approval



Dear Linda and Janice

We would be grateful if you could seek Ambassador Nambiar's approval regarding the attached letter.



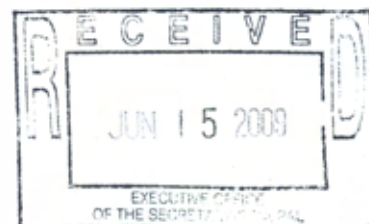
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With kind regards from Vienna,

Linda

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Antonio Maria Costa
Executive Director

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June 2009

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