

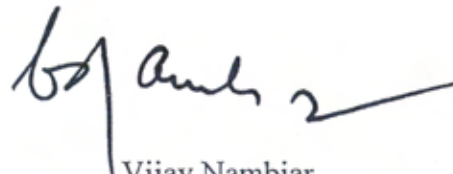
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Note to Ms. Kane

Sri Lanka: Secure Communications Equipment

With reference to your note of 14 February on the above subject, approval has been given to proceed with arrangements to establish a secure line of communication with the Resident Coordinator in Sri Lanka.

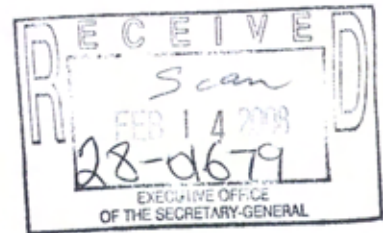


Vijay Nambiar
20 February 2008

cc: Mr. Pascoe
Mr. Veness
Mr. Dervis

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Note to Mr. Nambiar

SRI LANKA: SECURE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

1. On 27 April, the Policy Committee considered the situation in Sri Lanka and adopted the recommendation that the Inter-agency Working Group on Sri Lanka chaired by DPA should meet regularly. To increase coordination and strengthen HQ/field linkages, the Policy Committee also recommended the participation of the Resident Coordinator by phone.

2. While Inter-agency Working Group meetings have been held on a monthly basis, the Resident Coordinator had to convey his views separately pending the procurement of secure communications equipment. DPA has already made available a secure phone while UNDP has agreed to purchase the second for installation in the Resident Coordinator's Office in Colombo. The process has taken longer than expected and remains on the agenda of the Inter-agency Working Group.

3. During the Working Group meeting of 5 February, I underlined the need to expeditiously establish a secure line of communication. UNDP and OLA suggested that the equipment should be sent to Colombo via diplomatic pouch and could be installed without consulting the Government as the United Nations was legally entitled to secure communications for internal purposes. DSS has informed that following your authorization, it would coordinate with UNDP to loan the necessary equipment from DPKO at no charge.

4. We would be grateful for your approval to proceed accordingly.

Angela Kane

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ASG/DPA

14 February 2008

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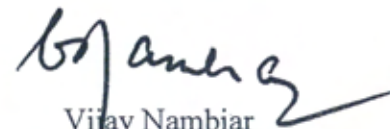
Note to Mr. Akasaka

Re: Release of Mr. Manoel De Almeida E Silva

I am writing to request your kind co-operation in securing the immediate release of a member of your staff, Mr. Manoel De Almeida E Silva, to lend his expertise to support the work of the Independent Panel on Safety and Security. As you may be aware, Mr. De Almeida E Silva has been recommended by the Panel Chairman, Mr. Brahimi, in view of his extensive experience in communications and public information which notably includes service as the Spokesperson for UNAMA. In terms of commitment, we expect his services will be required from 19 February through 15 April 2008.

In view of the importance with which the Secretary-General views this matter, I would hope that this request receives your urgent and favorable consideration.

Many thanks.


Vijay Nambiar
19 February 2008

cc: Mr. Brahimi
Mr. Kim
Mr. Issa
Mr. Astapkov