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Dear Mr Chairman

I am pleased to attach the Administration's treaty priority list for the 110th Congress. As we discussed with your staff, we have divided this list into three categories – (1) treaties currently on the Committee's calendar on which the Administration supports Senate action at this time, (2) treaties currently on the Committee's calendar on which the Administration does not support Senate action at this time, and (3) treaties not yet before the Committee on which the Administration is actively reviewing treaty transmittal packages with a view toward Senate action prior to adjournment of the 110th Congress.

We look forward to working with you to answer any further questions you may have on this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey T. Bergner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Jeffrey T. Bergner
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Enclosure

As stated

The Honorable
Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Chairman,
Committee on Foreign Relations,
United States Senate

TREATY PRIORITY LIST
FOR THE 110TH CONGRESS

**TREATIES CURRENTLY ON THE COMMITTEE CALENDAR ON WHICH
THE ADMINISTRATION SUPPORTS SENATE ACTION AT THIS TIME**

ENVIRONMENT

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, done at Rotterdam September 10, 1998 and signed by the United States on September 11, 1998 (Treaty Doc 106-21), submitted to Senate February 9 2000, heard by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on June 17, 2003

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants done at Stockholm May 22, 2001 and signed by the United States on May 23 2001 (Treaty Doc 107-5) submitted to Senate May 7, 2002 heard by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on June 17 2003

EXTRADITION

Agreement on Extradition between the United States of America and the European Union signed at Washington June 25, 2003 together with 22 bilateral instruments that subsequently were signed between the US and EU Member States in order to implement the Agreement (Treaty Doc 109-14), submitted to Senate September 28 2006

Extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Republic of Latvia signed at Riga December 7 2005 (Treaty Doc 109-15), submitted to Senate September 29, 2006

Extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Republic of Estonia signed at Tallinn February 8 2006 (Treaty Doc 109-16), submitted to Senate September 29, 2006

Extradition Treaty between the United States of America and Malta signed at Valletta May 18, 2006 (Treaty Doc 109-17), submitted to Senate September 29 2006

FRIENDSHIP, COMMERCE & NAVIGATION

Protocol to the Treaty of Friendship Commerce and Navigation of October 1 1951 between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Denmark signed at Copenhagen May 2, 2001 (Treaty Doc 108-8) submitted to Senate September 2 2003

LAW OF ARMED CONFLICT

Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War (Protocol V) to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed To Be Excessively Injurious or To Have Indiscriminate Effects, done at Geneva November 28 2003 (Treaty Doc 109-10), submitted to Senate June 20, 2006

Amendment of Article 1 of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed To Be Excessively Injurious or To Have Indiscriminate Effects, done at Geneva December 21, 2001 (Treaty Doc 109 10), submitted to Senate June 20, 2006

Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and Regulations for Execution (the Convention) and Second Protocol to the Hague Convention done at The Hague May 14, 1954 Convention signed by the United States on May 14 1954 (Treaty Doc 106 1), submitted to Senate January 6, 1999

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Incendiary Weapons (Protocol III) Additional to the Convention of October 10 1980 on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed To Be Excessively Injurious or To Have Indiscriminate Effects done at Geneva October 10 1980 (Treaty Doc 105 1), submitted to Senate January 7 1997

Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons (Protocol IV) Additional to the Convention on October 10 1980 on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed To Be Excessively Injurious or To Have Indiscriminate Effects, done at Vienna October 13 1995 (Treaty Doc 105 1) submitted to Senate January 7, 1997

LAW OF THE SEA

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea done at Montego Bay December 10, 1982 (the Convention) and Agreement relating to Implementation of Part XI of the Convention done at New York July 28 1994 (the Agreement) Agreement signed by the United States on July 29 1994 (Treaty Doc 103 39) submitted to Senate October 7 1994, heard by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on October 14 and 21, 2003 and reported favorably by the Committee on February 25 2004

MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Sweden, signed at Stockholm December 17, 2001 (Treaty Doc 107-12), submitted to Senate July 15 2002, heard by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on September 19 2002

Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance between the United States of America and the European Union signed at Washington June 25 2003 together with 25 bilateral instruments that subsequently were signed between the United States and each EU Member State in order to implement the Agreement (Treaty Doc 109 13), submitted to Senate September 28 2006

Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between the United States of America and Malaysia signed at Kuala Lumpur July 28, 2006 (Treaty Doc 109-22), submitted to Senate November 14 2006

PATENT LAW

Patent Law Treaty and Regulations under the Patent Law Treaty, done at Geneva June 1, 2000 (Treaty Doc 109-12), submitted to Senate September 5, 2006

The Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs done at Geneva July 2, 1999 and signed by the United States on July 6 1999 (Treaty Doc 109 21) submitted to Senate November 13 2006

TAXATION

Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Finland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital signed at Helsinki May 31 2006 (Treaty Doc 109 18) submitted to Senate September 29 2006

Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Denmark for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Copenhagen May 2 2006 (Treaty Doc 109-19), submitted to Senate September 29 2006

Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital and to Certain Other Taxes, Signed on August 29 1989, signed at Berlin June 1 2006 with a related Joint Declaration (Treaty Doc 109 20), submitted to Senate September 29, 2006

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1992 Partial Revision of the Radio Regulations (Geneva 1979) with appendices, done at Malaga-Torremolinos and signed by the United States on March 3 1992 together with declarations and reservations of the United States as contained in the Final Acts of the World Administrative Radio Conference (Treaty Doc 107 17) submitted to Senate September 30 2002

Amendments to the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) (Geneva 1992) as amended Done at Minneapolis and signed by the United States on November 6, 1998 (Treaty Doc 108-5), submitted to Senate April 3, 2003

1995 Revision of the Radio Regulations, done at Geneva and signed by the United States on November 17 1995, together with declarations and reservations of the United States as contained in the Final Acts of the World Radiocommunication Conference (Treaty Doc 108-28), submitted to Senate December 7 2004

Amendments to the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) (Geneva 1992), as amended Done at Marrakesh and signed by the United States on October 18, 2002 (Treaty Doc 109 11), submitted to Senate July 10 2006

**TREATIES CURRENTLY ON THE COMMITTEE CALENDAR ON WHICH
THE ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT SUPPORT SENATE ACTION AT THIS
TIME (listed in chronological order from date of submission to the Senate)**

International Labor Organization Convention No 87 Concerning Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organize, adopted by the International Labor Conference at its 31st Session held at San Francisco June 17 – July 10 1948 (Treaty Doc Ex S 81st Cong 1st Sess), submitted to Senate August 27 1949

International Labor Organization Convention No 116 Concerning the Partial Revision of the Conventions adopted by the General Conference of the International Labor Organization at its first 32 sessions for the purpose of standardizing the provisions regarding the preparation of reports by the governing body of the International Labor Office on the Working of Conventions, adopted by the International Labor Conference at its 45th Session held at Geneva June 26 1961 (Treaty Doc Ex C 87th Cong , 2nd Sess), submitted to Senate June 21, 1962

International Labor Organization Convention No 122 Concerning Employment Policy, adopted by the International Labor Conference at its 48th Session held at Geneva July 9, 1964 (Treaty Doc Ex G, 89th Cong , 2nd Sess) submitted to Senate June 2, 1966

Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties done at Vienna May 23 1969 and signed by the United States on April 24, 1970 (Treaty Doc Ex L 92nd Cong 1st Sess) submitted to Senate November 22 1971

International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights done at New York December 16, 1966 and signed by the United States on October 5 1977 (Treaty Doc Ex D 95th Cong 2nd Sess) submitted to Senate February 23 1978

American Convention on Human Rights done at San Jose November 22 1969 and signed by the United States on June 1, 1977 (Treaty Doc Ex F 95th Cong 2nd Sess) submitted to Senate February 23 1978

Maritime Boundary Agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Cuba signed at Washington December 16 1977 (Treaty Doc Ex H 96th Cong 1st Sess) submitted to Senate January 23 1979

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, done at New York December 18 1979 and signed by the United States on July 17 1980 (Treaty Doc Ex R 96th Cong , 2nd Sess), submitted to Senate November 12 1980

Amendment to the 1973 Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) done at Gaborone April 30 1983 (Treaty Doc 98 10) submitted to Senate October 4 1983

Protocol II Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and Relating to the Protection of Victims of Non-International Armed Conflicts done at Geneva June 10, 1977 and signed by the United States December 12, 1977 (Treaty Doc 100 2), submitted to Senate January 29, 1987

Convention on Biological Diversity, done at Rio de Janeiro June 5, 1992 and signed by the United States at New York on June 4 1993 (Treaty Doc 103-20), submitted to Senate November 20 1993

Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty done at New York September 10, 1996 and signed by the United States on September 24, 1996 (Treaty Doc 105 28), submitted to Senate September 23, 1997

International Labor Organization Convention No 111 Concerning Discrimination in Respect of Employment and Occupation, adopted by the International Labor Conference at its 42nd Session held at Geneva June 25, 1958 (Treaty Doc 105 45) submitted to Senate May 18, 1998 *

Inter-American Convention Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms Ammunition Explosives and other Related Materials done at Washington November 13, 1997 and signed by the United States on November 14 1997 (Treaty Doc 105-49) submitted to Senate June 9 1998

Treaty between the United States of America and the Republic of Nicaragua Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment signed at Denver July 1 1995 (Treaty Doc 106 33), submitted to Senate June 26 2000

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel done at New York December 9 1994 and signed by the United States on December 19 1994 (Treaty Doc 107 1) submitted to Senate January 3 2001

* The Administration has not yet completed its review of this treaty It is examining, among other things, potential conditions to U S ratification of this treaty

**TREATIES NOT YET BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON WHICH THE
ADMINISTRATION IS ACTIVELY REVIEWING TREATY TRANSMITTAL
PACKAGES WITH A VIEW TOWARD SENATE ACTION PRIOR TO
ADJOURNMENT OF THE 110TH CONGRESS**

Protocol of 2005 to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation and the Protocol of 2005 to the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf Done at London October 14, 2005 signed by the United States February 17 2006

Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material Done at Vienna July 8, 2005

International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism Done at New York April 13 2005, signed by the United States September 14, 2005

Convention on the Law Applicable to Certain Rights in respect of Securities Held with an Intermediary Done at The Hague July 5 2006 signed by the United States July 5 2006

United Nations Convention on the Assignment of Receivables in International Trade Done at New York December 12 2001, signed by the United States December 30 2003

Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks Done at Singapore March 27 2006, signed by the United States March 28 2006

Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land Based Sources and Activities to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region Done at Oranjestad October 6, 1999 signed by the United States October 6 1999

1996 Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter 1972 Done at London November 7 1996 signed by the United States March 31 1998

International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti Fouling Systems on Ships 2001 Done at London October 5, 2001 signed by the United States December 17 2002

Amendments to the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Done at Antalya November 24 2006, signed by the United States November 24 2006

Amendments of the Convention on the International Hydrographic Organization Done at Monaco April 14 2005