



UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE FOR
UNITED NATIONS MANAGEMENT AND REFORM

140 EAST 45 STREET
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10017

February 8, 2008

Dear Ms. Obaid:

As you recall, on May 16, 2007, I wrote you to outline the following eight areas the U.S. Government identified where the Funds and Programs, and Member States responsible for the efficient and effective use of the resources of such Funds and Programs, could benefit from increased transparency and accountability.

1. Availability of internal audits and other reports, e.g. evaluations, investigations, etc. to Member States;
2. Public access to all relevant documentation related to operations and activities including budget information and procurement activities;
3. "Whistleblower Protection" policies;
4. Financial disclosure policies;
5. An effective system-side Ethics Office;
6. Independence of the respective internal oversight bodies;
7. Adoption of IPSAS accounting standards in the Funds and Programs and
8. Establishing a cap on administrative overhead costs for the Funds and Programs.

We appreciated your response of June 6, 2007 and would welcome an update on the status of UNFPA's action in regard to the foregoing eight areas.

I look forward to continuing our work with you in promoting and achieving a truly transparent and accountable United Nations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Wallace'.

Mark D. Wallace
Ambassador

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