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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard R. Verma".

Richard R. Verma
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

As stated.

The Honorable
John F. Kerry, Chairman,
Committee on Foreign Relations,
United States Senate.



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TREATY PRIORITY LIST
FOR THE 111TH CONGRESS

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

ARMS CONTROL

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 the Senate on September 23, 1997.

DEFENSE TRADE COOPERATION

Treaty with Australia Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, done at Sydney September 5, 2007 (Treaty Doc. 110-10); submitted to the Senate on December 3, 2007.

Treaty with the United Kingdom Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, done at Washington and London on June 21 and 26, 2007 (Treaty Doc. 110-7); submitted to the Senate on September 20, 2007.

ENVIRONMENT

Annex VI on Liability Arising From Environmental Emergencies to the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty, adopted on June 14, 2005 (Treaty Doc. 111-2); submitted to the Senate on April 2, 2009.

Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels, done at Canberra on June 19, 2001 (Treaty Doc. 110-22); submitted to the Senate on September 26, 2008.

International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, adopted on November 3, 2001 and signed by the United States on November 3, 2002 (Treaty Doc. 110-19); submitted to the Senate on July 7, 2008.

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 on March 31, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 110-5); submitted to the Senate on September 4, 2007.

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 the Senate on May 7, 2002.

UNCLASSIFIED

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 the Senate on February 9, 2000.

HUMAN RIGHTS

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 the Senate on November 12, 1980.

INVESTMENT AND TAXATION

Treaty between the United States and Rwanda Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, signed at Kigali on February 19, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 110-23); submitted to the Senate on November 20, 2008.

Convention between the United States and Malta for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, done at Valletta August 8, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 111-1); submitted to the Senate on January 15, 2009.

LABOR

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 on June 25, 1958 (Treaty Doc. 105-45); submitted to the Senate on May 18, 1998.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

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 the Senate on June 9, 1998.

LAW OF THE SEA

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, done at Montego Bay December 10, 1982 (the "Convention") and the 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 the Senate on October 7, 1994.

PEACEKEEPING

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 the Senate on January 3, 2001.

PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW

Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, adopted at The Hague on November 23, 2007, and signed by the United States on that same date (Treaty Doc. 110-21); submitted to the Senate on September 8, 2008.

**TREATIES CURRENTLY ON THE COMMITTEE CALENDAR ON WHICH THE
ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT SEEK 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 on June 17 – July 10, 1948 (Treaty Doc. Ex. S, 81st Cong., 1st Sess.); submitted to the Senate on 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 on June 26, 1961 (Treaty Doc. Ex. C, 87th Cong., 2nd Sess.); submitted to the Senate on 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 on July 9, 1964 (Treaty Doc. Ex. G, 89th Cong., 2nd Sess.); submitted to the Senate on 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 the Senate on 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 the Senate on 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 the Senate on February 23, 1978.

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

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 the Senate on 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 on December 12, 1977 (Treaty Doc. 100-2); submitted to the Senate on 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 the Senate on November 20, 1993.

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

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



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