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Dear Ms LAL

United Nations Sanctions (Côte d'Ivoire) Regulation 2010 (L.N. 46)

I refer to the captioned Regulation, which will be examined by Members at the meeting of the Subcommittee to Examine the Implementation in Hong Kong of Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council in relation to Sanctions on 28 May 2010.

The captioned Regulation was made to implement Resolution 1893 (2009) of the United Nations Security Council, renewing, among other things, the sanction imposed by paragraphs 11 and 12 of Resolution 1572 (2004) until 31 October These sanctions were previously imposed by the United Nations Sanctions (Côte d'Ivoire) (No.2) Regulation (Cap. 537 sub. leg. AK), which expired at midnight on 31 October 2009.

Instead of adopting the expired provision in the captioned Regulation, which has been the practice of renewing sanctions, new provisions were added to section 5 of the captioned Regulation prohibiting dealing with funds. provisions are modelled on the United Nations Sanctions (Democratic People's Republic of Korea) Regulation (Cap. 537 sub. leg. AE).

Similar approach was adopted in renewing similar sanction in the United Nations Sanctions (Democratic Republic of The Congo) Regulation 2010 and the United Nations Sanctions (Liberia) Regulation 2010.

Please explain the reason for adopting this approach and whether this approach will be adopted in other regulations imposing similar sanction.

Yours faithfully,

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