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CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION TRANSMITTAL SHEET

Consistent with sections 7015(b) and 7061(a), and the “Contributions to International Organizations” heading of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2020 (Div. G, P.L. 116-94), section 7048(i) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2019 (Div. F, P.L. 116-6), and section 34 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, the Department is notifying the Committee of the Fiscal Year 2020 operating plan for the Contributions to International Organizations account, as detailed in the attached notification and operating plan chart.

Obligations may be incurred in fifteen calendar days from the above date of notification.

Recipients:

House Foreign Affairs Committee

Senate Foreign Relations Committee

House Appropriations Committee

House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations,
and Related Programs

Senate Appropriations Committee

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations,
and Related Programs

We hope the enclosed information is useful. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Bureau of Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

As stated.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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The attached operating plan chart reflects a total of \$1,473,806,000 in FY 2020 appropriated funds for the CIO account, including \$96,240,000 of Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO/Global War on Terrorism) funds and \$1,377,566,000 in Enduring funds for assessed contributions to international organizations including the UN and its specialized agencies, regional and Inter-American organizations, and other international organizations. The enclosed chart includes information on the application of FY 2019/FY 2020 and FY 2020 appropriated funds to pay planned assessments for organizations funded through the account. Assessment amounts in foreign currencies are calculated using exchange rates as of June 30, 2020.

The Adjustments to Contributions section of the chart details amounts of funds that the Department plans to reprogram. The planned reprogrammings involve the following:

- (1) A total of \$80,639,000 in FY 2019/2020 and FY 2020 funds originally planned for the World Health Organization (WHO) will not be paid to the WHO in light of the President's direction to terminate the U.S. relationship with the WHO. Available funds will be reprogrammed.
- (2) A total of \$28,004,000 in FY 2020 funds originally planned for the CY 2019 UN regular budget, representing the U.S. proportional share of the assessed costs of the Human Rights Council and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, will not be paid. These funds will be reprogrammed.
- (3) \$7,659,000 in FY 2020 funds will be used to pay arrears from the CY 2018 UN regular budget assessment, which were not paid in FY 2019 due to the expiration of funds. Funds for the payment of FY 2019 arrears for the UN regular budget will go to defray the organization's regular operating expenses.
- (4) \$719,000 in FY 2020 funds will be used to pay arrears to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). The funds for WIPO represent payment of arrears resulting from withholdings in fiscal years FY 2015 through FY 2018 pursuant to section 7048(a) of the appropriations acts for those years. The funds to pay the arrears at WIPO will go to operating expenses that are financed through payment of assessed contributions.
- (5) Approximately \$1.4 million will be used for amounts of assessments in excess of reprogramming notification thresholds in order to fully fund assessments to the International Labor Organization (ILO), the International Maritime Organization (IMO), and the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC).
- (6) \$14,935,000 in FY 2019/2020 funds representing the estimated year-end balance of FY 2019/2020 funds that gained an additional year of availability under section 7048(i) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act,

2019 (Div. F, P.L. 116-6) (“FY 2019 Act”), will be applied to buy down part of the CY 2020 UN regular budget assessment.

- (7) \$76,273,000 representing the estimated year-end balance of FY 2020 appropriated funds. These funds will be applied to buy down part of the CY 2020 UN regular budget assessment. The provision of both the year-end FY 2019/2020 and FY 2020 year-end balances to the UN will help alleviate the significant cash-flow problems that the organization has been experiencing. The funds will go to UN general operating expenses financed through the UN regular budget.

The Department is notifying the intent to reprogram and pay amounts to the UN, WIPO, ILO, IMO, and ICAC consistent with section 34 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 and section 7015(b) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2020 (Div. G, P.L. 116-94) (“FY 2020 Act”). The Department is also notifying the intent to pay arrears at the UN and WIPO consistent with the proviso on paying arrears under the CIO account heading in the FY 2020 Act.

In addition, consistent with the FY 2020 section 7048(a) determination, section 7048(i) of the FY 2019 Act, and the proviso on paying arrears under the CIO account heading in the FY 2020 Act, the Department is notifying the intent to obligate \$2,409,000 in FY 2019/FY 2020 funds to pay arrears resulting from the withholding of 15 percent of the CY 2019 assessment for the International Civil Aviation Organization, which was withheld from that organization pursuant to section 7048(a) of the FY 2019 Act.

The enclosed chart shows the use of \$22,540,000 in previously notified and obligated FY 2019 funds to buy down part of the CY 2019 UN regular budget assessment. After completing payments of assessments that the Department currently plans to pay with FY 2020 funds, and accounting for adjustments reflected in the chart, the Department projects an FY 2020 year-end balance of approximately \$76,273,000 (subject to adjustments described below). The Department plans to use this year-end balance and the FY 2019/2020 year-end balance of \$14,935,000 (which is also subject to adjustments described below) to buy down the CY 2020 UN regular budget assessment.

The End-of-June 2020 Estimates include U.S. dollar estimates for foreign currency balances. As in previous years, when payments occur, the amounts of dollars needed to complete the payments in foreign currencies may vary from current estimates in the chart due to exchange rate fluctuations. Upward or downward adjustments in the amounts of dollars used to complete the payments in foreign currencies will affect the remaining balances in the account that will be used to buy down the CY 2020 UN regular budget assessment. Other minor changes, such as adjustments in the amounts of tax reimbursement claims, may also occur before all final payments are made.

The enclosed chart also indicates the amounts of funds that are being withheld due to implementation of section 7048(a)(1) of FY 2020 Act, which requires determinations and submission of a report on accountability and transparency practices prior to obligation of these funds. Upon submission of the section 7048(a)(1) report, the Department plans to obligate any withheld FY 2020 funds consistent with the relevant determinations.