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INFORMATION CIRCULAR

To: Members of the staff

From: The Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management

Subject: HOST COUNTRY TRAVEL REGULATIONS

1. Attached for your information is a copy of a note verbale of 13 December 1985 from the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (annex I).
2. The reply of the Secretary-General is contained in his note of 14 December 1985, a copy of which is also attached (annex II).
3. Notwithstanding the views expressed by the Secretary-General in his reply, the Secretariat understands that the implementation of the regulations referred to in the note verbale of 13 December will not be delayed by the United States Government.
4. The staff will be informed of further developments regarding this matter shortly.

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Annex I

NOTE VERBALE DATED 13 DECEMBER 1985 FROM THE UNITED STATES MISSION
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit the following information at the request of the United States Department of State.

Effective 6 January 1986, all employees of the United Nations Organization assigned to New York City (including persons temporarily assigned) who are nationals of Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic and Poland, and their dependants, will be required to make arrangements for travel outside of a 25-mile radius of Columbus Circle when utilizing common carriers or rental automobiles, or public overnight accommodations. Booking for such services must be made through the Foreign Missions Travel Service Bureau, 41 East 42nd Street, Suite 719, New York, New York 10017. These arrangements do not apply to persons who are United States nationals or permanent residents.

The United States Mission to the United Nations will communicate in a timely fashion the procedures to be followed.

The United States Mission avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Annex II

NOTE VERBALE DATED 14 SEPTEMBER 1985 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ADDRESSED TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the note of 13 December 1985 concerning the regulation of travel of members of the Secretariat of the United Nations who are nationals of Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic and Poland.

In the view of the Secretary-General, these measures are similar to certain of those previously notified by the United States on 29 August 1985 in so far as they constitute a discrimination among members of the Secretariat solely on the basis of their nationality and improperly constrain the Secretary-General's functions as Chief Administrative Officer of the Organization.

Consequently, the position taken by the Secretary-General in his note verbale of 9 September 1985 with regard to the notification of 29 August 1985, and which remains unchanged, applies also to the newly imposed travel regulations.
