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Letter dated 30 April 2024 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to address you with regard to yet another flagrant violation by the host country of its obligations under the 1947 United Nations Headquarters Agreement, which has a direct impact on the rights and obligations of the Russian Federation as a member of the United Nations.

The United States has not issued an entry visa to the Deputy Director of the Information and Press Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Oleg Gavrilov, to participate in the forty-sixth session of the Committee on Information, being held from 29 April to 10 May 2024, and the intergovernmental negotiations on the global digital compact, to be held on 2 and 3 May 2024. This violation appears especially egregious given the fact that the necessary documents were submitted in advance, as early as the beginning of March 2024, which allowed almost two months for consideration and all related internal procedures before the meetings that were scheduled for late April and early May 2024.

It also must be recalled that Mr. Gavrilov did not receive a United States entry visa to the previous, forty-fifth, session of the Committee on Information. The continuation of systemic violations by the United States of its respective obligations under the 1947 Headquarters Agreement is unacceptable and must not be tolerated.

I would like to recall paragraphs 9 and 15 of General Assembly resolution [78/116](#), which provide for the prompt issuance by the host country of entry visas to all representatives of Member States, in a timely manner, to enable them to travel to New York on United Nations business, including to attend official United Nations meetings, and the Secretary-General's active engagement in all aspects of the relations of the United Nations with the host country.

The United States clearly demonstrates no intention to return to due implementation of its obligations under the 1947 Headquarters Agreement. Therefore, we reiterate that there is no other solution to the situation but to launch arbitration between the United Nations and the United States under section 21 of the 1947 Headquarters Agreement in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country and relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, including resolution [78/116](#). In this regard, I expect that you will follow the



recommendations of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country and relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, including resolution [78/116](#), regarding legal proceedings as prescribed by the above-mentioned section 21.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 161.

(Signed) Vassily **Nebenzia**
