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Letter dated 28 June 2024 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing to draw your attention to yet another violation by the United States of its obligations under the 1947 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 failed to issue, in a timely manner, an entry visa to Alexandra Purtova, a member of the Russian delegation, for the fifty-seventh session of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, which commenced on Monday, 24 June.

I wish to remind you of paragraphs 9 and 15 of General Assembly resolution [78/116](#), which unequivocally 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.

All necessary documents were duly submitted to the United States Embassy in Moscow well in advance – one month before the meeting. It was planned that Ms. Purtova would cover the first week of the session (24–28 June). However, the passport with the entry visa was returned to her only on 24 June (the visa itself was dated 22 June). This circumstance, coupled with the well-known fact that travel from Russia now takes nearly two days, made her trip to the session devoid of any practical purpose.

The failure to issue an entry visa in a timely manner to Ms. Purtova adds to a long list of violations by the host country of its obligations under the 1947 Headquarters Agreement that must trigger arbitration between the United Nations and the United States under section 21 of the Agreement pursuant to the recommendations of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country and relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, including resolution [78/116](#).



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

(Signed) Vassily **Nebenzia**
