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Letter dated 10 December 2010 from the Minister Counsellor for Host Country Affairs of the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

I have the honour to enclose a copy of a note verbale dated 10 December 2010 that has been sent by the United States Mission to the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations as a response to Iranian protest on denial of visas (see annex).

I request that you circulate the attached diplomatic note as a document of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

(Signed) Russell F. **Graham**
Minister Counsellor for Host Country Affairs

**Annex to the letter dated 10 December 2010 from the Minister
Counsellor for Host Country Affairs of the United States Mission
to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee
on Relations with the Host Country**

The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to previous correspondence, including the note verbale dated 27 October 2010, concerning the denial of visas to three members of the Iranian President's delegation to the sixty-fifth General Assembly meetings at the United Nations.

Our records indicate that, of the 210 Iranian applicants for visas to the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly, only two persons were denied visas. We understand that Mr. Behruz Kamalvandi's application was withdrawn prior to issuance of the visa at post.

The United States takes its responsibilities as host to the United Nations seriously and is mindful of the provisions of the United Nations Headquarters Agreement. Each year the United States receives hundreds of applications for visas from individuals seeking entry to the United States to transit to or from the United Nations Headquarters district on United Nations business. Visas are issued promptly in the vast majority of these cases, provided complete applications are submitted sufficiently in advance of proposed travel dates.

The United States Mission to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.
