Sir,

I have the honour, upon instructions from the Secretary-General, to inform you that, on 23 May 1974, the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents, adopted by resolution 3166 (XXVIII) of the General Assembly on 14 December 1973, was signed on behalf of the Government of the German Democratic Republic.

Upon signature the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic Republic made the following reservation:

(Translation) The German Democratic Republic does not regard itself bound by the provisions of article 13, paragraph 1, and reaffirms its view that in conformity with the principle of the sovereign equality of States the approval of all parties to any dispute is required in order to subject a certain dispute to arbitration or to submit it for decision to the International Court of Justice.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Erik Suy
The Legal Counsel