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REFERENCE: C.N.10.1992.TREATIES-1 (Depositary Notification)

CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN  
OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT  
ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
ON 10 DECEMBER 1984

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS BY AUSTRALIA

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

On 9 January 1992, the Government of Australia proposed, in accordance with article 29, paragraph 1, amendments to article 17, paragraph 7, and article 18, paragraph 5, of the above-mentioned Convention.

..... The text of the proposed amendments, in the English and French languages, is transmitted herewith as an annex to this notification.

In this connexion, the Secretary-General wishes to draw attention to article 29 of the said Convention, which reads as follows:

Article 29

"1. Any State Party to this Convention may propose an amendment and file it with the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The Secretary-General shall thereupon communicate the proposed amendment to the States Parties with a request that they notify him whether they favour a conference of States Parties for the purpose of considering and voting upon the proposal. In the event that within four months from the date of such communication at least one third of the States Parties favours such a conference, the Secretary-General shall convene the conference under the auspices of the United Nations. Any amendment adopted by a majority of the States Parties present and voting at the conference shall be submitted by the Secretary-General to all the States Parties for acceptance.

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2. An amendment adopted in accordance with paragraph 1 of this article shall enter into force when two thirds of the States Parties to this Convention have notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations that they have accepted it in accordance with their respective constitutional processes.

When amendments enter into force, they shall be binding on those States Parties which have accepted them, other States Parties still being bound by the provisions of this Convention and any earlier amendments which they have accepted."

28 February 1992

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(Original: English)

His Excellency Javier Perez de Cuellar  
Secretary-General of the United Nations  
United Nations  
NEW YORK

Dear Secretary-General

I am writing to advise you that the Government of Australia is hereby requesting a revision of the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, pursuant to Article 29 of the Convention.

The first part of the Australian proposal is that existing Article 17, paragraph 7 and existing Article 18, paragraph 5 of the Convention should be deleted.

The second part of the Australian proposal is that the following provision should be inserted as the new Article 18, paragraph 4 of the Convention.

"4. The members of the Committee established under the present Convention shall receive emoluments from United Nations resources on such terms and conditions as the General Assembly may decide."

A consequential effect of the insertion of the above provision would be the need to re-number existing Article 18, paragraph 4 as the new Article 18, paragraph 5 of the Convention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neal Blewett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

NEAL BLEWETT