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FOOD ASSISTANCE CONVENTION

LONDON, 25 APRIL 2012

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

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

The above Convention was adopted on 25 April 2012 at London.

In accordance with its article 12, the “Convention shall be open for signature by Argentina, Australia, the Republic of Austria, the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Bulgaria, Canada, the Republic of Croatia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, the Kingdom of Denmark, the European Union, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Finland, the French Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Hellenic Republic, Hungary, Ireland, the Italian Republic, Japan, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Republic of Malta, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Poland, the Portuguese Republic, Romania, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Slovenia, the Kingdom of Spain, the Kingdom of Sweden, the Swiss Confederation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America, at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 11 June 2012 until 31 December 2012”.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the English and French texts are equally authentic, are being printed and will be distributed as soon as possible. Electronic copies of the Convention are posted in the United Nations Treaty Collection website at the following address: http://treaties.un.org/doc/source/signature/2012/CTC_XIX-48.pdf.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign the Convention must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these authorities.

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The Secretary-General would be obliged if the States and the international organization to which the Convention is open for signature and wishing to sign could, as necessary, provide the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, facsimile: (212) 963-3693.

For more information on full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection website, which can be accessed at the following address:
<http://treaties.un.org/doc/source/publications/THB/English.pdf>.

9 May 2012

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Y. G. W.', written in a cursive style.

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