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Mr. Ban-Ki Moon  
Secretary-General  
United Nations  
760 United Nations Plaza  
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Dear Secretary-General Ban:

I am writing regarding the planned visit of UN Special Rapporteur for the Rights of Migrants Jorge Bustamante to Prince William County, Virginia, which is located in my congressional district. My understanding is that the purpose of Mr. Bustamante's visit was to examine whether law enforcement measures in Prince William County violate the human rights of illegal aliens.

I understand that this visit has been postponed, but I want to express my complete opposition to Mr. Bustamante's plans.

The United Nations has consistently failed to protect the human rights of innocent women and children in conflict around the globe -- including the human rights of many refugees and internally displaced people. Where is Mr. Bustamante in protecting the rights of these migrants and immigrants?

I led the first congressional delegation with U.S. Senator Sam Brownback to the Darfur region of Sudan in 2004. I witnessed the nightmare with my own eyes. Every day that passes, more men are killed, more women are raped, and more children die of malnutrition. The UN is failing daily to protect these innocent civilians, most of whom have fled their homes from the dreaded *Janjaweed* militia and are living in squalid camps.

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), the UN peacekeepers have actually been the perpetrators of sexual violence against vulnerable women and children. Even as recently as last month, new allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse by UN peacekeepers have come out of North Kivu province.

Last week, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) hosted the president of Zimbabwe Robert Mugabe at the global food crisis conference in Rome. The FAO's decision to invite Mugabe, a violent dictator who is personally responsible for the suffering of millions of innocent people in Zimbabwe, to a conference on the global food crisis was shocking and condemnable. The decision by the FAO Director General Jacques Diouf to include Mugabe in

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this conference illustrates that this organization has lost its way, and I believe he should be dismissed from his position as director general of the FAO. I have enclosed a copy of a letter I sent to Secretary Rice last week on this subject.

I have also enclosed a copy of a letter signed by 96 members of Congress to the Mexican attorney general and state governor expressing deep concern about allegations that Mexican police sexually assaulted and beat Barbara Italia Mendez and 25 other women while they were detained on May 3-4, 2006, in San Salvador Atenco, Mexico.

Rather than planning visits to communities in America, the UN should be putting its energy toward responding to this and other human rights abuses around the globe. I respectfully request that you ensure that UN Special Rapporteur Bustamante does not reschedule his visit to Prince William County.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf  
Member of Congress

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June 2, 2008

The Honorable Condoleezza Rice  
Secretary of State  
2201 C St NW Ste 7276  
Washington DC 20520

Dear Secretary Rice:

I am writing to express my deep concern about the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO) decision to invite the president of Zimbabwe Robert Mugabe to attend the global food crisis conference in Rome this week.

The FAO's decision to invite Mugabe, a violent dictator who is personally responsible for the suffering of millions of innocent people in Zimbabwe, to a conference on the global food crisis is shocking and should be condemned. A 2007 independent evaluation of the FAO's performance titled, "FAO: The Challenge of Renewal," revealed that FAO is "experiencing a crisis which has been steadily building for two decades and now seriously imperils the effectiveness of the organization." The decision by FAO Director General Jacques Diouf to include Mugabe in this conference illustrates the independent evaluation's finding that this organization has lost its way.

I respectfully request that you withhold any future U.S. contributions to the Food and Agriculture Organization and call for the dismissal of FAO Director General Jacques Diouf.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf  
Member of Congress

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Dear Attorney General and Mexico State Governor:

We are writing to express our concern regarding the alleged actions of police taken during operations on May 3-4, 2006 in San Salvador Atenco, Mexico and to urge your swift attention to this matter. Specifically, we urge you to officially transfer jurisdiction over the investigation into the sexual or other abuses of women during these operations, ensure evidence gathered by any federal investigation undertaken so far is used to identify and file charges against those responsible, and urge effective implementation and impartial investigation into this matter according to the recommendations issued by the National Human Rights Commission.

Bárbara Italia Méndez and 25 other women were reportedly sexually assaulted and beaten during their detention by local police on May 3 - 4, 2006 in San Salvador Atenco, Mexico. According to her testimony, Ms. Méndez was detained and beaten by Federal Preventive Police on the morning of May 4, 2006. She was one of 47 women arrested and one of 26 who filed complaints with the authorities regarding physical, psychological, and sexual abuse during their arrest and detention. In October 2006, Mexico's National Human Rights Commission called for criminal investigations by state and federal authorities into widespread abuses committed during the police operation. In February 2007, the National Supreme Court instructed a special judicial commission to investigate the abuses. Yet, the investigations into the assault and abuse of Ms. Méndez and the other women detained in San Salvador Atenco have gone nowhere on the local or state level.

In an effort to hold the police accountable for their crimes, Ms. Méndez and many of the other victims filed complaints with the newly formed Special Federal Prosecutor for Violence against Women, part of the Office of the Federal Attorney General, and undertook independent medical examinations to gather evidence of the abuses suffered. However, the Federal Attorney General has not claimed jurisdiction to prosecute the cases directly and has not so far been able to achieve progress in the state level investigation. As the two year anniversary of the incident approaches, none of the police officials responsible have been prosecuted for the physical and sexual violence endured by Ms. Méndez and the 25 other women. Domestic and international

human rights organizations are now assisting several of these women with their legal representation and providing security against threats.

We respectfully urge you to officially transfer jurisdiction over the investigation into the crimes committed against Bárbara Italia Méndez and 25 other women detained in San Salvador Atenco on May 3-4, 2006 to the Federal Attorney General and ensure that any evidence gathered by any federal investigation undertaken so far is used to identify and file charges against those responsible. We also urge you to ensure that the recommendations issued by the National Human Rights Commission on the instances of sexual or other assaults of women detained in San Salvador Atenco are effectively implemented and guarantee effective and impartial investigations so that the perpetrators are brought to justice. The irregularities in the arrest, detention and trial of Bárbara Italia Méndez and other women victims should be investigated and those responsible for malfeasance should be brought to justice.

Thank you for your attention to this important case.

Sincerely,

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