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FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

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BY FACSIMILE

Dear Mr. Hovig:

There are a number of U.S. statutory and policy requirements that impact USAID family planning assistance, including, as noted in our letter to your organization of July 28, 2008, the Kemp-Kasten Amendment. In your response letter, dated August 8, 2008, you stated that Marie Stopes International (MSI) does not currently receive any USAID funding. However, we understand that in some countries, MSI receives USAID-funded contraceptives and/or condoms from host country governments that receive them from USAID.

In light of the restrictions on USAID assistance and MSI's work as the major implementing partner of UNFPA's program in China, which supports the Chinese national family planning program, USAID has concluded that it is not appropriate for MSI to receive USAID-funded contraceptives and/or condoms from host country governments. We are informing you that we have instructed U.S. Missions in those countries where we understand MSI is currently receiving USAID contraceptives and/or condoms to work with these governments to ensure that no such USAID-funded commodities are distributed to MSI at this time.

We ask that you notify us if there is a change with respect to your organization's involvement in the Chinese national family planning program.

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Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Kent R. Hill  
Assistant Administrator  
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