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Ms. Suzanne Scholte
President
Defense Forum Foundation
and Chairwoman of US-Western Sahara Foundation

Ms. Cate Lewis
International Secretary
Western Sahara Resource Watch

By Email

Dear Ms. Scholte and Ms. Lewis:

Thank you for your letter of June 4, 2009 regarding the grant made by the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) to the Office National des Pêches (National Office of Fisheries) in Morocco in May of this year.

As you may know, this particularly USTDA activity was developed to support development efforts under the Millennium Challenge Corporation Compact (MCC) with Morocco, which targeted several sectors, including fisheries. USTDA's technical assistance is designed help ensure that fish catches under the various programs funded within the Compact will have the benefit of adequate infrastructure to be brought to market successfully. The MCC's Compact was developed, as are USTDA activities, in close cooperation with the Host Country to respond to their stated needs and objectives.

Again, thank you for your continued interest in USTDA and its programs.

Sincerely,

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