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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

Delama GEORGES *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

United Nations *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:13-cv-07146-JPO

**DECLARATION OF BEATRICE LINDSTROM IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS'
MOTION FOR AFFIRMATION THAT SERVICE HAS BEEN MADE, OR IN
THE ALTERNATIVE, FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS BY ALTERNATIVE
MEANS AND TO EXTEND THE TIME TO EFFECTUATE SERVICE**

I, BEATRICE LINDSTROM, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a member of good standing of the Bar of the State of New York, admitted to practice before the Southern District of New York, and am an attorney for the Institute for Democracy and Justice in Haiti, counsel for Plaintiffs in the above-captioned action. This declaration is made in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Affirmation that Service Has Been Made, or in the Alternative, for Service of Process by Alternative Means and to Extend the Time to Effectuate Service.

2. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of the Affidavit of Attempted Service on the United Nations by Anthony Calderon.

3. Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a true and correct copy of the Affidavit of Attempted Service on the United Nations by Jesse Goldman.

4. Attached hereto as Exhibit 3 is a true and correct copy of the Affidavit of Attempted Service on the United Nations by Peggy Chateaufneuf.

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5. Attached hereto as Exhibit 4 is a true and correct copy of the cover letter dated December 30, 2013, for the attempted service of process on the United Nations via U.S. Priority Certified Mail.

6. Attached hereto as Exhibit 5 is a true and correct copy of the cover letter dated December 30, 2013, for the mailing of process, a Waiver of the Service of a Summons, *et al.* to the United Nations.

7. Attached hereto as Exhibit 6 is a true and correct copy of the U.S. Postal Service Product and Tracking Information webpages showing delivery of U.S. Priority Certified Mail on January 2, 2014.

8. Attached hereto as Exhibit 7 is a true and correct copy of a webpage from the United Nations website, www.un.org, showing an unofficial transcript of the daily briefing by the Office of the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General on October 9, 2013.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: February 4, 2014
New York, New York

Respectfully submitted,

/s/: Beatrice Lindstrom
Beatrice Lindstrom (S.D.N.Y. Bar No BL8321)
Brian Concannon, Jr.
Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti
666 Dorchester Ave.
Boston, MA 02127
Tel: (617) 652-0876

EXHIBIT 1

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

Delama GEORGES, individually and on behalf of the Estate of Desilus GEORGES and all others similarly situated; Alius JOSEPH, individually and on behalf of the Estate of Marie-Claude LEFEUVE and all others similarly situated; Lisette PAUL, individually and on behalf of the Estate of Fritznel PAUL and all others similarly situated; Felicia PAULE, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated; Jean Rony SILFORT, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

United Nations; United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti; Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations; and Edmond Mulet, former Under-Secretary-General for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 13-CV-07146-JPO

**AFFIDAVIT OF
ATTEMPTED SERVICE**

STATE OF NEW YORK)
 :s.s. :
COUNTY OF QUEENS)

ANTHONY CALDERON, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am not a party to this action, am over the age of eighteen years, and reside in the State of New York.

On the 10th day of October, 2013, at approximately 11:45 a.m., at 760 United Nations Plaza, New York, New York, I attempted to serve true copies of the SUMMONS IN A CIVIL CASE; CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT, JURY TRIAL DEMANDED; CIVIL COVER SHEET, ELECTRONIC CASE FILING RULES & INSTRUCTIONS

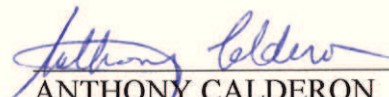
and INDIVIDUAL PRACTICE RULES J. PAUL OETKEN upon UNITED NATIONS, defendant herein named; however upon my arrival I was greeted by the United Nations' security and was able to contact Legal Affairs for the United Nations. When I informed Legal Affairs of my business affairs on premises I was informed that Legal Affairs accepts service of process via mail and/or facsimile. I was then provided with 212-963-6430 to send the papers. I then left the premises.

On the 11th day of October, 2013, at approximately 10:30 a.m., 760 United Nations Plaza, New York, New York, I again attempted to serve true copies of the SUMMONS IN A CIVIL CASE; CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT, JURY TRIAL DEMANDED; CIVIL COVER SHEET, ELECTRONIC CASE FILING RULES & INSTRUCTIONS and INDIVIDUAL PRACTICE RULES J. PAUL OETKEN upon UNITED NATIONS, defendant herein named; however upon my arrival I was greeted by the United Nations' security and was able to contact Legal Affairs for the United Nations. When I informed Legal Affairs of my business affairs on premises I was informed that Legal Affairs accepts service of process via mail and/or facsimile. I was then provided with 212-963-6430 to send the papers. I then left the premises.

Sworn to before me this,
8th day of November, 2013



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ANTHONY CALDERON
License No. 1301532

CLENDY J. CALDERON
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01CA6115564
Qualified in Queens County
Commission Expires September 7, 2016

EXHIBIT 2

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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DELAMA GEORGES, et al.,

Plaintiff(s),

Case No. 13 CV 7146

-against-

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTEMPTED SERVICE

UNITED NATIONS, et al.,

Defendant(s).

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STATE OF NEW YORK)

S.S.:

COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

JESSE GOLDMAN, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is over the age of eighteen years, is employed by the attorney service, METRO ATTORNEY SERVICE INC., and is not a party to this action.

That on the 27th day of November, 2013, at approximately 2:44 PM, deponent attempted to serve a true copy of the Summons in a Civil Action, Class Action Complaint Jury Trial Demanded, Civil Cover Sheet, Individual Practices of Judge J. Paul Oetken and Electronic Case Filing Rules & Instructions upon United Nations at 760 United Nations Plaza, New York, New York, but security at that address refused access to the building stating that service of process was prohibited therein. At that time the server asked if there was another address whereby the defendant could be served and was told that he could attempt service at One UN Plaza.

That on the 27th day of November, 2013, at approximately 2:55 PM, deponent attempted to serve a true copy of the Summons in a Civil Action, Class Action Complaint Jury Trial Demanded, Civil Cover Sheet, Individual Practices of Judge J. Paul Oetken and Electronic Case Filing Rules & Instructions upon United Nations at One United Nations Plaza, New York, New York, but security at that address refused access to the building stating that service of process was prohibited therein.

JESSE GOLDMAN #1417385

Sworn to before me this
6th day of December, 2013

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EVAN COHAN
NOTARY PUBLIC & ATTORNEY AT LAW
NO. 02C04998577
QUALIFIED IN ROCKLAND COUNTY
CERTIFICATE FILED IN NEW YORK COUNTY
COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 29, 2014

EXHIBIT 3

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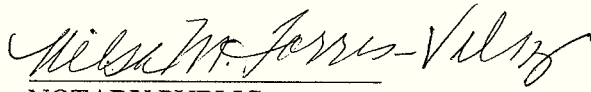
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I, PEGGY CHATEAUNEUF, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am over the age of eighteen years, and I reside in the state of New Jersey.
2. I am not a party to the above captioned action.
3. On October 10, 2013, a process server attempted to serve the summons, complaint, and Civil Cover Sheet in the above entitled matter, along with J. Oetken's Individual Rules of Practice, E-Case Filing Rules & Instructions on the above referenced defendants by going in person to the UN Headquarters in New York, located at 760 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY. Upon arrival, the process server was greeted by security and permitted him to contact the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA). The OLA instructed the process server to send service via facsimile or mail to all defendants. (see Calderon Affidavit)
4. In accordance with this instruction from OLA, I sent via facsimile to the number 212-963-6430 the summons, the complaint, J. Oetken's Individual Rules of Practice, E-Case Filing Rules & Instructions, and the Civil Cover Sheet to the United Nations on December 11th, to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti on December 12th, to Ban Ki-Moon on December 13th and to Edmond Mulet on December 14th.

5. On the 19th day of December, 2013, at approximately 3:11pm, I contacted OLA via telephone and personally spoke with a woman who identified herself as "Mae". Mae confirmed that between December 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th, 2013, the OLA received a total of four (4) faxes, each containing 120 pages, from the Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti. Mae asked if they were all the same documents sent four separate times and I clarified that each one was for a specific defendant. Mae then stated that the UN was currently "reviewing the documents."
6. After our telephone conversation, I searched the internet for more information on "Mae at the United Nations". I came across a document which indicated that Mae Arkoncel is the assistant to the UN Legal Counsel. Mae Arkoncel has been in prior contact with IJDH on the above-captioned matter, and has sent correspondences to IJDH on behalf of the UN Legal Counsel.

Sworn to before me this
4 day of February, 2014


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NILSA M. TORRES-VELEZ
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires 4/18/2017

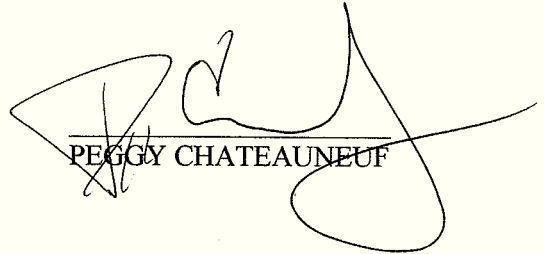

PEGGY CHATEAUNEUF

EXHIBIT 4



December 30th, 2013

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

United Nations
760 United Nations Plaza
New York, NY 10017

c/o Miguel de Serpa Soares
Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel

Dear Under-Secretary-General Serpa Soares:

On October 10th and 11th, the Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti (IJDH) attempted to serve the United Nations by sending a process server to the above address in person. The Office of Legal Affairs for the United Nations (OLA) directed IJDH to serve process via mail and/or facsimile.

In compliance with Rule 4(e)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and § 312-A of the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules, enclosed please find the following:

- One (1) copy of the summons
- One (1) copy of the complaint
- Statement of Service by Mail (2 copies)
- Acknowledgement of Receipt by Mail of Summons and Complaint (2 copies)

For your reference, we have also enclosed the following documents:

- One (1) copy of the Civil Cover Sheet
- One (1) copy of the Electronic Case Filing Rules & Instructions for the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- One (1) copy of J. Paul Oetken's Individual Practices in Civil Cases

Please sign, date and return one (1) copy of the Acknowledgement of Receipt by Mail of Summons and Complaint, using the enclosed pre-paid envelope.

Yours truly,

Beatrice Lindstrom (S.D.N.Y. Bar No. BL8321)
Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti
666 Dorchester Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts 02127
Tel.: (617) 652-0876

EXHIBIT 5



December 30th, 2013

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

United Nations
760 United Nations Plaza
New York, NY 10017

c/o Miguel de Serpa Soares
Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel

Dear Under-Secretary-General Serpa Soares:

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In compliance with Rule 4(d)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, enclosed please find the following:

- One (1) copy of the Complaint
- Notice of Lawsuit and Request to Waive Service of a Summons (2 copies)
- Waiver of the Service of a Summons (2 copies)

For your reference, we have also enclosed the following documents:

- One (1) copy of the Civil Cover Sheet
- One (1) copy of the Electronic Case Filing Rules & Instructions for the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- One (1) copy of J. Paul Oetken's Individual Practices in Civil Cases

Please sign, date and return one (1) copy of the Waiver of the Service of a Summons, using the enclosed pre-paid envelope.

Yours truly,

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Spokesperson's Noon Briefing

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DAILY PRESS BRIEFING BY THE OFFICE OF THE SPOKESPERSON FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The following is a near-verbatim transcript of today's noon briefing by Farhan Haq, Associate Spokesperson for the Secretary-General.

Good afternoon, everyone. Welcome, everyone.

****Noon Guest**

Today we are very grateful to have with us Yukio Takasu, the Under-Secretary-General for Management. Mr. Takasu is here to brief on the financial situation of the Organization. Mr. Takasu, welcome.

[Press conference by Mr. Takasu issued separately.]

I also have just a few quick notes, and then I'll take a few questions. I know it's been going on for a bit, so I'll just be quick about this.

****Secretary-General's Travel**

First of all, just to let you know, the Secretary-General left Budapest earlier today. He is now on his way to Brunei Darussalam, where he will arrive on Thursday morning to attend a summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations.

****Deputy Secretary-General's Remarks**

The Deputy Secretary-General will deliver the Sorensen Lecture at the Council on Foreign Relations this afternoon, and he intends to talk about the recent plenary session of the General Assembly and what was achieved there, including on Syria, as well as other challenges to international peace and security. He is to discuss how the events of recent weeks show that good international solutions are in the national interest of the Member States. That lecture will be webcast on the Council of Foreign Relations website.

****Democratic Republic of Congo**

The Head of the UN Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO), Martin Kobler, wrapped up his first working visit to Bukavu, in South Kivu. During his two-day trip, he met members of the provincial government in Bukavu to discuss political, security and humanitarian developments in South Kivu. Mr. Kobler also visited the Panzi hospital to underline the priority given by the UN Mission to the fight against sexual violence.

Meanwhile, the Mission says that intermittent fighting between the Congolese army and the Front de résistance patriotique de l'Ituri, south of the Irumu territory in Ituri district of Province Orientale,

is taking place. The Mission is on high alert to ensure the protection of civilians.

****Abyei**

I was asked yesterday about the situation in Abyei and we have the following to say:

Without progress made between Sudan and South Sudan on the establishment of the Abyei Area Referendum Commission, there has not been tangible progress towards the conduct of the referendum. A large number of Ngok Dinka — estimated to be around a few thousands since last month — have returned to Abyei recently.

The UN Interim Security Force for Abyei, UNISFA, and humanitarian agencies are trying to respond to the influx of the population in the area. We continue to support the efforts led by the African Union High-level Implementation Panel to assist Sudan and South Sudan in resolving the final status of the Abyei Area, and echo the African Union's call for the two countries not to undertake any unilateral actions that could lead to tensions.

****Noon Guest Tomorrow**

And for the noon briefing guest tomorrow, I will be joined by Ms. Margareta Wahlström, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the implementation of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction.

That's it from me. Questions, please? Yes, Edie?

****Questions and Answers**

Question: Thank you, Farhan. Does the United Nations have any reaction, or better put, what is the United Nations reaction to the lawsuit filed today in federal court in New York against the United Nations, seeking damages for cholera victims in Haiti?

Associate Spokesperson: Yes, thanks. What I can say on that is that the United Nations remains committed to do all that the Organization can do to help the people of Haiti overcome the cholera epidemic. The United Nations is working on the ground with the Government and people of Haiti both to provide immediate and practical assistance to those affected, and to put in place better infrastructure and services for all. With regard to possible claims against the Organization, as has been stated with regard to other cases that are subject to litigation, it is not the United Nations practice to discuss in public claims filed against the Organization.

Question: Can I ask a follow-up?

Associate Spokesperson: Sure.

Question: Does the United Nations plan to contest this lawsuit?

Associate Spokesperson: Like I said, it is not our practice to discuss in public the claims that are filed against the Organization. That is as much as I have to say on that for now.

Question: A follow-up on that?

Associate Spokesperson: Yes.

Question: A follow-up, not on... on... on... on something said in the lawsuit, but no... no... not on how you... you... you know, the UN won't comment on the underlying claim, the lawsuit

does state that UN peacekeeping falsely claimed that the peacekeepers from Nepal had been screened. And they say repeatedly, paragraph 141 and other paragraphs, that this was a false statement. What I wanted to know is, obviously, if it is in litigation, maybe you won't comment on whether that statement was false, but currently, does UN peacekeeping screen peacekeepers from areas known to be cholera hotspots before deploying them elsewhere?

Associate Spokesperson: I believe that part of our lessons learned from this has been to screen peacekeepers for cholera. Regarding your specific question, however, as the legal process is under way, we cannot make any further comment on this particular situation.

Question: But could we get something from... from... perspective, is... is peacekeeping currently doing such screening, because I... I... I haven't... I haven't heard that they are, but if... can we get a statement today, whether they are or... or... or not?

Associate Spokesperson: I'll check with our peacekeeping colleagues, but I believe that this is one of the lessons, as you know, there was an internal panel that... a group of panel of experts that had a number of recommendations that we have been evaluating. And I believe that this is one of the steps that we were considering. I will see whether that has been put in place or not. Yes, Mr. Abbadi?

Question: You cannot say that the UN has diplomatic immunity and cannot be sued outside?

Associate Spokesperson: I won't add to anything. We have been commenting on this for many, many months prior to today, and I would just restate the fact that we have spoken on this and I don't have anything further to add. Since this is a matter that is now something under litigation, I wouldn't have any further comment to make, but our comments from previous months still stand. Yes, Pam?

Question: On the previous case on cholera, because it was not a settlement agreement, can you tell us how much was paid to victims' by the United Nations? Or...

Associate Spokesperson: On which previous case?

Question: I mean on this case, on the... on the lawsuit... I mean, on the alle... on the earlier...

Associate Spokesperson: Like I said, we are not... following our standard practice, we are not discussing the claims brought against the Organization. So...

Question: No, that's what I am saying; not in the litigation, has the Uni... let me rephrase; has the United Nations paid any of the victims for the cholera?

Associate Spokesperson: The answer to that is no. I think you would be aware of what the Spokesperson, Martin Nesirky, has been saying in recent months about this. I'd just refer you to our past statements about this. Yes, Nizar?

Question: Farhan, the latest skirmishes in the Golan; obviously, the armed groups are still wandering there, no restrictions on them, they are even helped and today we heard that two Israeli soldiers were injured as a result of a bombshell. Can you describe the situation in the area?

Associate Spokesperson: What I can say about that is the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) remains active on the ground, trying to make sure that the situation in the Golan can be kept as calm as possible. As you are aware, there is fighting throughout the country, and it is a matter of concern throughout the country, but also in the Golan where, as you know, there have been concerns expressed by the Disengagement Observer Force, the Secretary-General and also by the Security Council about the tensions in the area. And we continue to have concerns about the

situation in the Golan. But the peacekeeping force does remain active, trying to do as much as it can to maintain calm. Yes?

Question: Did you check whether the... it's true these allegations that the rebels are wearing blue helmets in the region?

Associate Spokesperson: The Disengagement Observer Force has tried to make sure that any parties in the Golan do not use any equipment or markings that would lead... create the impression that they belong to the UN peacekeeping force. And so we have been in touch with the parties on the ground to make sure that no one does that. Yes, Matthew?

[The Associate Spokesperson later informed the correspondent that, as the Secretary-General noted in his recent report, any hostile act against United Nations personnel on the ground is unacceptable, including threats to their physical safety, the theft of United Nations weapons and ammunition, vehicles and other assets, and the looting and destruction of United Nations facilities.]

Question: Sure, thanks a lot. This is... I wanted to ask this because yesterday there was an event on nuclear-free Middle East, sponsored by the Mission of Egypt. It was held in Conference Room 7, which is kind of small, and it wasn't put on UNTV. The reason I am asking this it seems like there was... there is a lot of interest, the room was filled, and I was told by DPI [Department of Public Information] that it wasn't on because the sponsors didn't ask for it to be on. So this left me with the question that I wanted to ask you. The event where the Secretary-General was speaking before, Women's International or the group where he said that the... that the... that the report on Syria chemical weapons was overwhelming and that Bashar al-Assad had committed many crimes against humanity, who asked to put that event on UNTV if the rule is that such events are only on upon request? I want to know if that is the rule and who made the request for the event in which Mr... the Secretary-General said the things I have just quoted?

Associate Spokesperson: Yeah, I wouldn't have any particular comment on that. Whenever there is a request made either by the Secretariat or by a Member State, then there will be coverage. If we don't have that sort of request, we don't do that. I wouldn't identify in that case...

Question: But so the Secretary... did the Secretary-General ask to have that event televised, or was it Women's, because it was... that event was listed as closed and it was televised, and yesterday's Middle East... nuclear-free Middle East event was listed as open, but wasn't televised. So I think... what I would like to know, I guess, if you could find out, because I... I've tried to ask, what are the rule... what are the... what are the rule and... and... and who asked to have that one televised?

Associate Spokesperson: Well, the rules are whether either the Secretariat or a Member State asks for the meetings to be open, and coverage is reflected accordingly. That was one of the cases. We wouldn't identify who that is, in the cases when it is opened or not.

Question: Can I ask one more?

Associate Spokesperson: Yeah.

Question: Okay, thanks. This is what I was... I... I... I know that the Secretary-General has announced this five-year mobility rule that senior officials will be in place for five years and then at least rotate. So I've... I've... I've been taking a look and it seems like, and at ESCAP [Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific], there is... it's now more than six years... Noeleen Heyzer has been in that post for more than that, and I wondered... I just... without any, you know, rancour, I just wanted to know, what's the status of the five-year... I mean it is right on the website, it says appointed in... at some point in 2007, what's the status of the five-year rule? Or is there a process for getting except... exemptions? What... what... what is... what... what... what can you say about the seeming non-implementation of the Secretary-General's five-year mobility rule?

Associate Spokesperson: As a general rule, the Secretary-General does try to ask the senior officials throughout the system to stay for no longer than five years. There have been different cases where exemptions have been made for specific reasons, but he has tried to make clear and across the board that they need to move after five years. And you will see that, by and large, that that's been the practice throughout the system.

Have a good afternoon, everyone.

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