



October 29, 2019

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Dear Ms. Lopez,

Thank you for your letter of September 16, 2019. We appreciate your willingness to engage with us on the profoundly troubling case of an international civilian employee of the United Nations who was accused of raping a child in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. According to information published by the UN for the public, an investigation by the UN's Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) determined that the allegation was "substantiated."

In the September 16 letter to us, you described how the Organization "took prompt action in 2018 with respect to the case mentioned, in accordance with the Secretary-General's obligation under General Assembly resolution 62/63, to refer 'credible allegations that reveal that a crime may have been committed by United Nations officials and experts on mission to the attention of the States against whose nationals such allegations are made.'"

Would you please tell us the date in 2018 when the referral was made to the state of nationality of the accused UN official?

What was the response of the state of nationality?

If there was a response, did you deem it satisfactory?

We respectfully seek a reply at the earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula Donovan".

Paula Donovan
Co-Director, AIDS-Free World

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Lewis".

Stephen Lewis
Co-Director, AIDS-Free World

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