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Ambassador Susan Rice  
United States Mission to the United Nations  
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Dear Ambassador Rice:

I am writing out of concern that the UN Procurement Task Force investigations into numerous allegations of corruption in the Oil for Food scandal have not been completed and to seek your support for the independence of OIOS and its efforts to secure the expertise and capacity necessary to pursue these and other investigations.

I have enclosed the February 17, 2009 letter from TI Chair, Huguette Labelle to Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon in which she seeks his support for 'a strong, appropriately staffed OIOS.' Such action is essential to demonstrate a commitment to integrity in UN operations and will strengthen UN leadership in securing global action on the UN Convention Against Corruption.

The US Government has played a leadership role in the global fight against corruption. I would welcome the opportunity to exchange views on the vital role the Administration can play in these challenging times.

Kind regards,

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