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IN GENEVA

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Olivier De Schutter, Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights
Geneva, Switzerland

Fernanda Hopenhaym, Vice-Chair of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and
transitional corporations and other business enterprises
Geneva, Switzerland

David R. Boyd, Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the
enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment
Geneva, Switzerland

Balakrishnan Rajagopal, Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to
an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context
Geneva, Switzerland

Mary Lawlor, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders
Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Special Rapporteurs and Vice-Chair:

Please find enclosed the U.S. response to your letter dated July 15, 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly Billingsley".

Kelly Billingsley
Deputy Permanent Representative
Human Rights

U.S. Response to Request for Information re. Involvement of a U.S. Business in Dam Collapse in Laos

Thank you for your letter dated July 15, 2022, regarding the dam collapse in Laos and for requesting further information on allegations relating to the dam's collapse and actions on the part of the United States government to address business and human rights. We are grateful for the work you do across the globe to promote respect for human rights.

We passed your request to the appropriate U.S. government officials for consideration, and will communicate any pertinent information in the course of review.