

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 13, 2007

UN Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad
United States Mission to the United Nations
140 East 45th Street
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Ambassador Khalilzad:

In the coming days, the Fifth Committee of the UN General Assembly will take up a resolution to fund a Durban II conference. The "Durban Review Conference," which is scheduled for the first half of 2009, is a follow-up to the infamous "anti-racism" conference that took place in Durban, South Africa, in early September 2001. We urge you in the strongest of terms to vote against the resolution.

When Durban descended into a platform for vicious anti-Semitism and Israel-bashing, the U.S. delegation honorably walked out. Our refusal to participate sent a powerful signal to the international community that the United States would not lend its support to a U.N. conference used as a vehicle to spread anti-Semitism.

It is clear to us that the 2009 conference, much like its predecessor, will reject Western values like tolerance and set back our efforts to foster peace in the Middle East. With dishonorable countries such as Iran on the conference's planning committee, Durban II promises to deliver both anti-Semitism and unfounded allegations of Western "Islamophobia." The United States should not fund any forum in which our country is wrongly cast as supporting intolerance of any kind.

We expect there to be considerable pressure on the United States and its allies to vote in favor of the funding. It is our sincere hope, however, that you call for the vote and take a strong stand against any funding of Durban II from the United Nations' regular budget. The United Nations was founded to counteract racism, oppression and aggression, not to promote it. Thank you for your hard work to ensure that the United States remains a force for tolerance and good-will throughout the world.

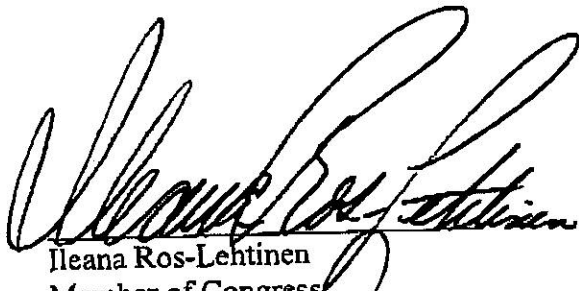
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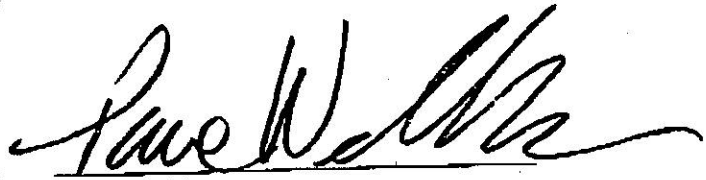


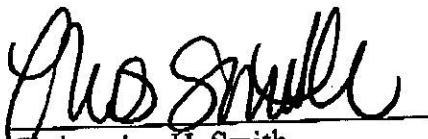
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