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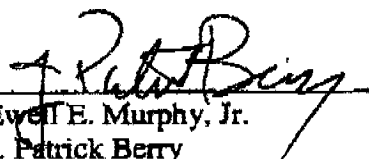
Dr. Ibrahim F. I. Shihata
Secretary-General
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Re: Waste Management, Inc. v. United Mexican States

Dear Secretary-General Shihata:

In accordance with your letter dated July 14, 2000, Waste Management, Inc. hereby confirms its June 19, 2000 request to institute a new proceeding under Chapter Eleven of NAFTA against the United Mexican States.

Respectfully,


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