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To: Utrecht Municipality
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Subject: Request for authorization re European sanctions in connection with terrorism

Dear Mr/Mrs van der Linden,

In your letter of 30 October 2002 you requested an authorization in accordance with Article 6 of the European regulation n o .258012001 (1) (hereafter the regulation) for the purpose of getting the possibility to give benefits to Mr. J M C Sison on the basis of the Arrangement for Reception of Asylum Seekers (ROA) with regard to an allowance for the amount of E 20 1,37, accommodation, insurance for legal accountability, and a medical insurance,

Pursuant to Article 2, first paragraph, component b of above-mentioned regulation, it is prohibited to make available assets, other financial or economic means to persons put on the list attached to this regulation who have been specified by the Council of the European Union. **Mr Sison** has been put on this list as of 28 October 2002. Starting on this date it is prohibited, pursuant to Article 2, first paragraph, component b, of the regulation, to provide the benefits to which Mr. Sison on the basis of the ROA has a right.

Pursuant to Article 6, first paragraph, of the regulation, the Minister of Finance has the competence to grant an authorization to make available assets and other financial and economic means to persons who are named on the list.

Regarding the making use of this power, I consider the following.

On the basis of a unanimous decision of the member States, the Council of the European Union decided on 28 October 2002 to add Mr, Sison to the list of persons who commit or try to commit terrorist acts, or who participate in the committing of such acts or facilitate the carrying out of such acts. The cabinet attaches the greatest importance to an effective combat against terrorism and the financing thereof. From **this** follows that the policy of the cabinet is directed at not providing persons placed on the above-mentioned list with any financial means as described in Article 1 of the regulation. Granting of an authorization as meant in Article 6 of the regulation would mean contravening this policy.

In this connection it is of importance that the Minister of Justice, also because of the above-mentioned cabinet standpoint, is intending to terminate Mr Sison's right to ROA-allowances. In the near future, the procedure to be followed for this will be put in motion

Considering the foregoing, I reject your request. A copy of this decision is sent to the lawyer of Mr, Sison.

I trust that in this manner I have sufficiently informed you. In good order I refer you to the possibility that those whose interests are directly affected by this decision can make a complaint within six weeks from the date of this letter by sending a complaint/petition to the Minister of Finance, P.O.Box 20201, 2500 **EE**, The Hague. The complaint should be signed and should state the name and **address** of the one submitting, and also the date and the grounds on which the complaint are based.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE,

In the name of this,

The Deputy Director Financial Markets
(Sgd.) Drs. L. Groenendaal