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Office of International Law

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The Secretary
Human Rights Sub-Committee
Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Secretary

SUBMISSION TO THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE
AND TRADE

I refer to your request of 27 November 2000 regarding the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Link between Aid and Human Rights. The Attorney-General's Department has conducted the following activities:

- (a) Delivery of human rights reporting training in relation to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights for a Chinese delegation of ten officials on 15-22 May 2000 under the auspices of the Human Rights Dialogue with China. The training was funded under the China-Australia Human Rights Technical Assistance Program by AusAID and co-ordinated by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission. The training consisted of modules presented by this Department and other relevant agencies as well as visits to Parliament House and the High Court. This training followed on from a 2 day seminar which discussed the concept of civil society and the role of government and non-government organisations in the development and implementation of social policy. The seminar was conducted by this Department and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Beijing in November 1999 as part of the China-Australia Human Rights Technical Assistance Program.
 - (b) Delivery of legal training to improve governance in Indonesia. The legal training had a human rights law component and was conducted by officers from this Department in April 2000. The training consisted of a seminar conducted in Indonesia from 10-14 April 2000 on international law and international trade law. At that seminar a paper was presented on international human rights law. Following the seminar, participants then attended a four-week course at Monash University which included two modules on human rights law. The training was funded under the AusAID Government Sector Linkages Programme.
2. Positive feedback was received from participants in relation to both of the courses conducted.

3. If you have any questions regarding the provision of the above training, please contact Julie Atwell, Ph: (02) 6250 5421, Fax: (02) 6250 5931, or Email: julie.atwell@ag.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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