



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 31, 2024

Case No. FL-2023-00037

Reed Rubinstein
America First Legal
611 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE #231
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Mr. Rubinstein:

As we noted in our letter dated September 30, 2024, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department of State (“Department”) has identified 26 additional responsive records subject to the FOIA. Upon review, we have determined 1 may be released in full, 14 may be released in part, and 11 must be withheld in full.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each record. The records withheld in full are exempt from release pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, and 6, 5 U.S.C. §§ (b)(5), (b)(6). A list of the document identification numbers for the records withheld in full are attached to this letter. Where applicable, the Department has considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing these records and applying FOIA exemptions. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released and is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Assistant United States Attorney Jeremy Simon, at Jeremy.simon@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the case number, FL-2023-00037, and the civil action number, 23-cv-00419, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Avery Bullard".

Avery Bullard
Section Chief
Office of Litigation and Appeals

Enclosures: As stated.

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Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a)

FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
 - 1.4(b) Foreign government information
 - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
 - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
 - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
 - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:
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| ARMSEXP | Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c) |
| CIA PERS/ORG | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g) |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004 |
| INA | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505 |
- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
 - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
 - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
 - (D) disclose confidential sources
 - (E) disclose investigation techniques
 - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

- NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

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Subject: RE: Rep. Malliotakis
Date: Thu, 15 Jul 2021 22:08:45 +0000

Rep. Malliotakis is on HFAC and is the ranking member of the IO subcommittee. (b)(5)

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As to meeting with LTG, I've seen no request. McCaul's staff confirmed today that this will be a one-on-one meeting.

Running this down with H now.

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Emily: Thanks for the heads up. She is the newly-elected rep from Staten Island. Defeated Democrat Max Rose. (b)(5)

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Jeff D.

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Subject: Rep. Malliotakis

Amb. DeLaurentis and (b)(6)

I just briefed Rep. Malliotakis (HFAC, (b)(5)

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Emily Mendrala

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Subject:	RE: Prep for Hill Briefings
Date:	Wed, 14 Jul 2021 14:14:00 +0000

Perfect, that's even more useful.

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Subject: RE: Prep for Hill Briefings

I think these hit all the right, factual points that we need to make. (b)(5)

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Subject: Prep for Hill Briefings

(b)(6) and team,

I took the press guidance and shortened and added in the S statement and other tidbits.
Welcome edits and adds.

(b)(6) welcome your thoughts on how to split this up.

Allison

Prep for Hill Briefing

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Subject:	RE: INVITE - Sub IPC on Racial Justice / Foreign Policy
Date:	Fri, 16 Jul 2021 15:56:21 +0000

That would be great!

Just came back from the cafeteria so missed your note about a fork, but there are plenty in the shared kitchen!

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To: (b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject: RE: INVITE - Sub IPC on Racial Justice / Foreign Policy

That makes sense.

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I brought lunch today but need a fork 😊

From: (b)(6)@state.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 16, 2021 11:03 AM
To: Lombardo, Allison K <(b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject: RE: INVITE - Sub IPC on Racial Justice / Foreign Policy

Hey there,

Circling back on this before I run downstairs to grab food (let me know if you want to come or want me to grab you anything!). How do you want to divide this up? Do you want to take the standing invitation and SR points and I can talk about the new resolution, CERD report, and PFPAD? Let me know what you think makes the most sense.

- **Update from Geneva on Addressing Systematic Racism and in the Human Rights Council and Decisions/Actions on Proposed 12 Month RoadMap (State/IO):** State/IO

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HRC New Resolution and Mechanism on Systemic Racism: Report on OHCHR report and debate in Geneva on resolution

- Explain what was created and US posture
- Outline

Standing Invitation and Special Rapporteur visits:

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U.S. CERD Report Submission and Next Steps:

- Response to June 2020 letter

Other Opportunities:

- PFAD
- What else?

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Hi All,

(b)(6); (b)(5)

Please all pile in. Nothing formal needed unless you want more (b)(6)

Allison

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Subject: RE: INVITE - Sub IPC on Racial Justice / Foreign Policy

Thanks, (b)(6)

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Best,

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Good morning Colleagues,

We are coordinating State's attendance to meet NSC's participation-level request and will follow up with additional details.

Many thanks,

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Cc: (b)(6)

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Subject: INVITE - Sub IPC on Racial Justice / Foreign Policy

Colleagues,

Greetings and from the NSC and DPC!

We look forward to your participation at the next sub IPC on racial justice and foreign policy, to take place on **July 15 at 2.30PM via ZOOM**. EOP representatives may participate in person [room TBD]. You may find zoom info in the calendar invite which will follow this email.

Attached please find an agenda. This meeting will take place at the unclassified level and over zoom. Zoom details are included in the below. We request participation at the Deputy Assistant Secretary level.

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If there are agency representatives who should be included who are not listed on this email, please kindly let us know.

Please kindly confirm your participation to myself and (b)(6)

Best regards,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

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The National Security Council | White House

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Subject:	Re: Invitation to Speak at United Nations Human Rights Council Event on Racial Justice March 17 8am EST
Date:	Mon, 1 Mar 2021 14:07:03 +0000

Thanks, (b)(6) I'll send a Teams invite now for 10:00/16:00. Talk soon.

(b)(6)

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Subject: RE: Invitation to Speak at United Nations Human Rights Council Event on Racial Justice March 17 8am EST

Hi (b)(6)

Unfortunately, I am not available at 11am EST but I am free at the following times:

- Today: 10am and 1:30pm EST (or 11:15am for 15 minutes)
- Tomorrow: 11am-12:30pm EST

Please let me know if any of those times work.

All best,

(b)(6)

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Hi (b)(6)

I hope you had a good weekend. I was glad to see that Prof. McDougall is able to participate in the event. A couple of my Mission Geneva colleagues and I were wondering if you might be free for a brief chat today, perhaps 11 am Eastern? Or please feel free to suggest other times that would work better for you. We'll look forward to chatting –

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Dear Professor McDougall,

Thank you so much for your candid response. We completely respect your independence and that's exactly why we would love for you to participate! Indeed, we anticipate this will be a difficult

conversation for many to hear but without an honest reckoning of our country's moral failings, we will never be able to move past them.

We are so grateful that you've accepted the invitation. (b)(6) (copied here) will be in touch with additional details. In the meantime, we are still awaiting responses from Eric Ward and Opal Tometi. If you happen to know them and are comfortable letting them know you've accepted the invitation, we would be very grateful for that compelling nudge!

Many thanks again. We are thrilled to have your voice as a part of this critical and long overdue conversation.

All my best,

(b)(6)

Sent from (b)(6)

On February 28, 2021 at 1:56:12 PM EST, Gay McDougall (b)(6) wrote:
Dear (b)(6)

In short, Yes, I am available for this event. But I want to emphasize that I will only speak as an independent member of the academy and civil society. I am well known in Geneva in general and most recently known for my central role in moving the George Floyd matter to be considered by the HRC. It is also well known that I was/still am extremely disappointed in the outcome and particularly the manner in which my government responded.

I will have to make these points in any remarks I make on March 17th. That being the case, perhaps you would like to rethink extending this invitation to me. If you want to reconsider, it's all right with me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

Gay

Gay J. McDougall

Senior Fellow and Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence

Leitner Center for International Law and Justice/Center for Race, Law and Justice
Fordham University School of Law

Former Vice Chair, UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
Former UN Special Rapporteur on Minorities

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Dear Professor McDougall,

I hope you are well. Thanks again for your time earlier this week. I think I can speak for the entire team when I say that we are thrilled and honored to be working on your CERD campaign!

I wanted to let you know about an important event that the U.S. Mission in Geneva is hosting as part of the 46th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC). As I shared during our call this week, the United States has made the commitment to re-engage the Council after leaving in 2018 under the last administration. One of the most important elements of our renewed commitment to human rights is social and racial justice through both the domestic and international lens.

As we emerge from a difficult period, we have a unique opportunity, as we fully reengage the multilateral community, to speak candidly and openly about our past and how our ability to acknowledge our own challenges at home is critical for us to regain the trust and support of our international partners on this and other important issues. Without an honest accounting of our moral failings and the systemic injustice present in our own country, we cannot credibly stand for others who need our support. To that end, we are hoping to bring together some of the most thoughtful American voices on this issue for a critical, dynamic discussion on racial justice that we hope will be simultaneously introspective and forward looking as we seek a path forward on the world stage.

Together with the Graduate Institute of Geneva, our Mission to the United Nations is hosting a **virtual event titled *Towards a More Perfect Union: Addressing Systemic Racism and Promoting Justice at Home as a Foreign Policy Imperative***. The event will garner significant political and media attention given that this is the first formal public engagement of the United States at the Human Rights Council.

I write to you asking if you would be willing to be a featured panelist in this discussion. It is an opportunity to talk about the past, both distant and recent, and to reflect on how we, as a country, can move humbly forward to lead again on human rights while acknowledging our own failings and the devastating consequences of systemic racism. It would also be a valuable addition to your CERD candidacy campaign as an early public event. The other panelists we have invited to participate are [Eric Ward](#) and [Opal Tometi](#). The event will be moderated by two academics from the Graduate Institute of Geneva (bios below).

I've included some of the details below for your consideration and we are happy to answer any questions you might have. **Given the structured schedule of the Human Rights Council, this "side event" is scheduled for March 17th at 14:00 Geneva/08:00 EST to accommodate the formal proceedings of that day.** The main point of contact for this event in Geneva is (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov), copied here, and he is in direct contact with the Graduate Institute as this event comes together.

Please let us know of your availability and interest as soon as possible and we can work on details soon. We know you are incredibly busy, especially during March, so we greatly appreciate your kind consideration of this request.

With thanks and warmest regards,

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High-Level HRC Side Event on Racial Justice

Virtual Event in Partnership with the Graduate Institute, Geneva

March 17, 2021, 08:00 EST/14:00 Geneva

Towards a More Perfect Union:

Addressing Systemic Racism and Promoting Justice at Home as a Foreign Policy Imperative

Background and Rationale: Racial justice is a critical aspect of a U.S. foreign policy that promotes human rights for all individuals. Respect for human rights is central to the American identity, and these rights are inherent to every person across the globe, regardless of race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or sexual orientation, or disability. Addressing systemic racism and promoting justice is a central plank of the Biden Administration's policies. The translation of this policy to the international arena is deliberately introspective: we cannot be credible advocates for democracy and human rights abroad if we are not demonstrating our commitment to them at home.

Highlighting our unambiguous position on this issue during the upcoming 46th session of the HRC, the first since we announced our re-engagement, will be a strong signal to the international community of our seriousness about genuine engagement on difficult human rights challenges, including those which occur in our own society. The staging of a high-level side event focused on racial justice, both at home and abroad, sends an unequivocal message that America is ready to be introspective and address its own issues, even as it holds accountable the worst human rights offenders around the world.

During the week of 15-19 March, 2021, the topic of systemic racism will come to the fore of the HRC. High Commissioner Bachelet is expected to give an Item 9 oral update on systemic racism and police brutality, mandated by the HRC following the June 2020 Urgent Debate in response to the death of George Floyd. Separately, the same week, the HRC will formally adopt the Universal Periodic Review report on the United States. The moment seems opportune for our public engagement on this issue.

Location/Venue: Virtual Event hosted by the United States Mission to the United Nations and other International Organizations and the Graduate Institute, Geneva.

Partner: The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies is an institution of research and higher education dedicated to the study of world affairs, with a particular emphasis on the cross-cutting fields of international relations, human rights, and development issues.

The Graduate Institute has been a trusted partner of the United States Mission in Geneva for many years. The Institute will be able to deliver a powerful, thoughtful program and its reputation within the region will lend credibility and gravitas to the event.

Working Draft of Program/Format:

Scenario: The Graduate Institute will have two of their most senior researchers (bios below) co-moderate the +/-one-hour event with the moderators delivering a 6-8 minute overview of the racial and social justice challenges that exist not only in the United States, but throughout the world from an international perspective. The moderators would frame the conversation as an opportunity to take a critical look at the history of racism, the recent social justice movements in the United States, and their impact on the future of U.S. engagement on racial justice in the multilateral space. The moderators would offer each panelist 5-7 minutes to present their thoughts and ask follow-up questions of the presenters or other panelists. If possible, panelists and the moderator should link the necessity of racial and social justice at home to meaningful participation in multilateral fora and the Human Rights Council in particular. Following each panelist's intervention, the moderator would open up the session to Q and A from the virtual audience. At the conclusion of the event, the moderators would summarize the discussion and thank participants.

Graduate Institute Co-Moderators:

Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou is Professor of International History and Chair of the International History Department at the Graduate Institute, Geneva. He is Visiting Professor at Sciences Po Paris. He is the author, notably of a trilogy on the post-11 September era; *Contre-Croisade – Le 11 Septembre et le Retournement du Monde* (2004), *Understanding Al Qaeda – Changing War and Global Politics* (2011) and *A Theory of ISIS – Political Violence and the Transformation of the Global Order* (2018). Professor Mohamedou holds a PhD in Political Science from the City University of New York. He was Scholar-in-Residence at the Harvard University Centre for Middle Eastern Studies in Cambridge, Massachusetts before becoming a Research Associate at the Ralph Bunche Institute on the United Nations in New York. He was Director of Research at the Geneva-based International Council on Human Rights Policy, prior to returning to Harvard where he was Associate Director of the Programme on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research. He subsequently served as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mauritania before returning to Geneva at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) where he was Deputy Director and Academic Dean. His research focuses on political violence and transnational terrorism, the transformation of warfare, state-building, transitions to democracy and

racism. Widely published, Professor Mohamedou is regularly quoted in the world's media for his expertise and is fluent in English, French, Spanish and Arabic. He is the recipient of the 2020-2021 International Studies Association (ISA) Global South Distinguished Award.

<https://www.graduateinstitute.ch/academic-departments/faculty/mohamed-mahmoud-mohamedou>

Dr. Davide Rodogno of the Graduate Institute, Geneva, was a Research Fellow at the London School of Economics (2002-2004), Foreign Associate Researcher at the Institut d'Histoire du Temps Présent in Paris (2004-2005), Academic Fellow - Research Council United Kingdom Academic Fellow - at the School of History, University of St Andrews (2005-2010), and SNSF – Research Professor (2008-2011). Associate professor (2011-2014) and full professor since 2014 at the Graduate Institute, he served as head of the International History Department (2014-2017). His doctoral thesis was published in Italian in 2003 and in English as *Fascism's European Empire* (Cambridge University Press, 2006). Rodogno was grantee of the Rockefeller Archives Centre in 2011; he was grantee of the SNSF 'Sinergia' programme on a project entitled *Patterns of Transnational Regulations*. He researches the history of humanitarianism, international organizations, philanthropic foundations, and international public health since the nineteenth century. In 2011 Rodogno published *Against Massacre: Humanitarian Interventions in the Ottoman Empire (1815-1914)*, the *Birth of a Concept and International Practice* (Princeton University Press). During the summer of 2012 the Kofi Annan Foundation mandated Rodogno to write a confidential report documenting the experience of the United Nations and League of Arab States Joint Special Envoy for Syria. More recently, Rodogno co-edited and authored a volume on the history of Humanitarian Photography, a volume on Transnational Networks of Experts in the Long Nineteenth century, and another on the League of Nations' social work. He currently works on monograph entitled: *Night on Earth – Humanitarian Organizations' Relief and Rehabilitation Programmes on Behalf of Civilian Populations (1918-1939)*. From 2017 to 2021 Rodogno was grantee of an FNS project on *Minority Protection in Belgium, Italy and Spain*; and since 2018 of another FNS grant on the *Rockefeller Foundation fellows as heralds of globalization (1910s-1970s)*. Since 2019, the History of International Organizations Network Internet (a platform Rodogno co-funded) regularly inform on activities related to the Centenary of International Organizations in Geneva. Rodogno started a collaboration with the Museum of the Red Cross and co-funded a podcast start-up that collaborates with the Festival et Forum International des Droits Humains (FIFDH). Since October 2020 he is the Head of the Interdisciplinary Programs of the Graduate Institute.

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Date:	Wed, 14 Jul 2021 17:47:19 -0400

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Making sure you saw this! Can't wait for you to join the team. Hope you're enjoying your time off!

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STATEMENT BY SECRETARY ANTONY J. BLINKEN

July 13, 2021

U.S. Leadership on Human Rights and Ending Systemic Racism

This Administration is deeply dedicated to addressing racial injustice and inequities at home and abroad. On the global stage, the United States is leading by example.

Last month, the UN's High Commissioner for Human Rights released a report on racism and police brutality against Africans and people of African descent at the hands of law enforcement around the world, which includes examination of such cases in the United States. As the President has repeatedly made clear, great nations such as ours do not hide from our shortcomings; they acknowledge them openly and strive to improve with transparency. In so doing, we not only work to set the standard for national responses to these challenges, we also strengthen our democracy, and give new hope and motivation to human rights defenders across the globe.

It is in this context that the United States intends to issue a formal, standing invitation to all UN experts who report and advise on thematic human rights issues. As a first step, we have reached out to offer an official visit by the UN Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism and the UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues. I also welcome the UN Human Rights Council's adoption today in Geneva of a resolution to address systemic racism against Africans and people of African descent in the context of law enforcement. I look forward to engaging with the new mechanism to advance racial justice and equity.

Responsible nations must not shrink from scrutiny of their human rights record; rather, they should acknowledge it with the intent to improve. I urge all UN member states to join the United States in this effort, and confront the scourge of racism, racial discrimination, and xenophobia. Because when all people – regardless of their race or ethnicity – are free to live up to their full potential, our collective security is strengthened.

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Yes, good call. Task to HRH

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Hi (b)(6)

I think we should task HRH. Let me know if you agree.

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Due Date: 2021-08-03

Document Type: Substantive Correspondence

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Member: Boebert, Lauren

Subject: Multi-signer letter (Gosar, Steube, Good, Duncan, Biggs, Miller) from Rep. Boebert to Secretary Blinken expressing concern regarding the implications of the implications to the invitation to the United Nations Special Rapporteurs on contemporary forms of racism and minority issues to study "systemic racism" in the U.S.

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Hi All,

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Thanks!

Allison

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Date:	Fri, 30 Jul 2021 14:56:33 -0400

The following package is currently pending your action:

Multi-signer letter from Rep. Boebert regarding invitation to the UN Special Rapporteurs to study "systemic racism" in the U.S. H20210728-008

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HRH	Congressional Response H: Multi-signer letter from Rep. Boebert regarding invitation to the UN Special Rapporteurs to study "systemic racism" in the U.S.
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Resources and Links

- The '[IO and 7th Floor Drafting Guidance](#)' document can be used for general information and guidance.
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Racial Justice and Foreign Policy Sub IPC
July 16, 12:30 – 1:30PM
Agenda

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Sub-IPC for Equity EO in National Security and Foreign Policy

April 16, 2021

11:00AM – 12:00PM

Via Zoom. EOP participants may join in Room 210/212.

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Subject:	IO Paper Report 8/4/21
Date:	Wed, 4 Aug 2021 22:16:39 +0000

Ambassador,

Below is an update on paper for the day.

Paper Pending with SBO Barks-Ruggles

- Action Memo A/S: AM to SBO: (b)(5)

Paper Finalized under A/PDAS Yon Approval

- LTG Trip - Meeting with (b)(5)

Urgent Paper Still Pending

- Congressional Response H: Multi-signer letter from Rep. Boebert regarding invitation to the UN Special Rapporteurs to study "systemic racism" in the U.S. (Due COB 8/4): With A/PDAS Yon.
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Subject:	Heads-up: UN Special Procedures Standing Invitation and Two Invite Letters
Date:	Mon, 28 Jun 2021 15:42:09 +0000

Dear (b)(6)

Good news as we approach this dynamic week on global racial justice issues.

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standing invitation once health and safety conditions allow – right now all visits are complicated by COVID. We anticipate this to be highly regarded in the review of the U.S. pledge and commitments for our HRC candidacy. It will also help distinguish the United States from members (like Russia) that criticize Special Procedures as an independent investigatory mechanism. (The United States is the only member of the Western Europe and Others Group that has not yet issued a standing invitation.)

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As a starting point, **we prioritized formal invitations to the Special Rapporteur on minority issues and the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism.** Please find those letters in para 3 of the attached instructions to USUN Geneva. (b)(5)

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Let us know if you have questions,
Allison

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Subject: Clearance by COB Friday: 4 Racism-Related UNGA 3C Statements

Dear colleagues,

Please find **linked below** the four racism-related UNGA 3C statements for your review and clearance by **COB today**. The final HRC 48 General Debate statement and IDs for the SR on Racism and WGEPAD are also included (attached) for your reference, to help ensure we are being complementary but not redundant. FYI there was no ID for CERD on HRC. Apologies for the short turnaround request but we need to get these to the IO front office before the SBO departs for Europe on Monday. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks for your time.

1. [UNGA76 3C General Debate on Racism - v2.docx*](#)
2. [UNGA76 3C ID for CERD.docx](#)
3. [UNGA76 3C ID for Special Rapporteur.docx*](#)
4. [UNGA76 3C ID for WG on People of African Descent.docx*](#)

**denotes a corresponding HRC interactive dialogue*

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Best,

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Subject:	Re: Sharing Remarks as delivered for Int'l Decade for People of African Descent
Date:	Thu, 22 Jul 2021 18:20:59 +0000

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Very respectfully,

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Subject: RE: Sharing Remarks as delivered for Int'l Decade for People of African Descent

I got in, copied below:

Talking Points for Julie Lelek's
Participation in "Mid-Term Review of the International Decade for People of
African Descent"
Thursday, 22 July 2021
10:00AM – 1:00PM & 3:00PM – 6:00PM
United Nations General Assembly, New York (in person interventions)

Interactive Panel I – Recognition: Progress and Steps Forward

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Withheld pursuant to exemption

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[end]

Interactive Panel II – Justice in the International Decade for People of African Descent

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[end]

Interactive Panel III – Gains made and outstanding challenges in achieving development in the International Decade for People of African Descent

[no US intervention]

Background:

The President of the General Assembly is hosting a mid-term review of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent. There will be three panels, as outlined in the concept note. Members States can make interventions during each panel. Interventions must be made in person, from the floor of the General Assembly. Interventions will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. (b)(5)

In June 2020, following the killings of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) passed resolution 43/1 requesting that UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet provide a global report on racism and police brutality, to be presented at the Council's 47th session in June 2021. Putting the fight against racism at the top of the global rights agenda, as called upon by Secretary Blinken and President Biden, in the lead up to the 47th session of the HRC, we engaged South Africa and the UN African Group (AG) to collaborate on a resolution examining the issue of systemic racism in policing globally and calling for a report on police violence against members of marginalized racial and ethnic groups worldwide.

Public language:

- Remarks by President Biden at the Signing of the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act. (June 17, 2021)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches->

remarks/2021/06/17/remarks-by-president-biden-at-signing-of-the-juneteenth-national-independence-day-act/

- Remarks by Secretary Blinken in Commemoration of Juneteenth (June 18, 2021) <https://www.state.gov/in-commemoration-of-juneteenth/>
- Remarks by President Biden at Signing of an Executive Order on Racial Equity (January 26, 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2021/01/26/remarks-by-president-biden-at-signing-of-an-executive-order-on-racial-equity/>
- Secretary Blinken Remarks to the 46th Session of the Human Rights Council (February 24, 2021) <https://geneva.usmission.gov/2021/02/24/secretary-hrc/>
- Remarks by Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield at the 30th Annual Summit of the National Action Network (April 14, 2021) <https://usun.usmission.gov/remarks-by-ambassador-linda-thomas-greenfield-at-the-30th-annual-summit-of-the-national-action-network/>
- President Biden Remarks on Verdict of Derek Chauvin Trial (April 20, 2021)

Clearance

Approved: (b)(6)

Drafted: (b)(6)

Cleared:

USUN/NY: Sohini Chatterjee ()

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Subject: Re: Sharing Remarks as delivered for Int'l Decade for People of African Descent

(b)(6) - Can you copy/paste the remarks into an email? (b)(5)

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Very respectfully,

(b)(6)

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Subject: Sharing Remarks as delivered for Int'l Decade for People of African Descent

Hi (b)(6) and Press team,

Attached are the remarks as delivered, noting at the top that I gave them.

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From: (b)(6)@state.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 6:44 PM

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Cc: (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)

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Subject: Re: Remarks for Tomorrow: Int'l Decade for People of African Descent

Thanks (b)(6) Info by request for press. Please provide the as-delivered interventions tomorrow, including who delivered them.

Best,

(b)(6)

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Subject: Remarks for Tomorrow: Int'l Decade for People of African Descent

Dear (b)(6) Sohini, (b)(6) and (b)(6) Press,

Please see attached talking points for use at tomorrow's mid-term review of the International Decade for People of African Descent. As the event begins tomorrow at 10am, your quick review is greatly appreciated and apologies for the quick turnaround. The program is also attached for context.

Thank you,

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CC:	(b)(6)@state.gov
Subject:	RE: Request: Amend due date for LTG - UNESCAP BCL to tomorrow 10 AM?
Date:	Mon, 2 Aug 2021 13:28:15 +0000

(b)(6) we'll reach out to the Line and ask if we can be granted an extension. The BCL is due to the Line tomorrow at 10AM and before it goes to them it still needs to be cleared by the IO FO.

(b)(6) **Staff Assistant**
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(b)(6)

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Subject: Request: Amend due date for LTG - UNESCAP BCL to tomorrow 10 AM?

(b)(6) and staff assistants –

EDA is preparing the below BCL for LTG's meeting with the UNESCAP Executive Director; we would like to request a due date of tomorrow at 10 AM so that we can secure clearance and input from Embassy Bangkok and our IO Watcher / ESCAP lead in Bangkok (b)(6) Please advise if this is possible – thank you!

EDA	(b)(5)
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Bureau of International Organization Affairs, U.S. Department of State
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Subject: Papers We are Tracking for August 2, 2021

Bureau for International Organization Affairs Papers We Are Tracking

All papers must be submitted in Onepaper by 10:00 a.m., 48 hours in advance of the meeting/Line due date. All must-go papers must be declared as soon as possible. Please declare papers by emailing Staff Assistants and creating a package in Onepaper.

Submitting Packages to Onepaper

- The Front Office is now requesting a BLUF (Bottom Line Up Front) in the notes section for every package/tasker submission.

Please use the format below as a mandatory guide in the Notes section of each submission.

- **IO Front Office Hard Deadline:** When does the 7th floor/Bureau/Post want this product submitted? When do you have to get it back in order to deliver it to them? We need concrete dates and times for this, especially for any must-go's. "We request IO/FO clearance NLT 4PM in order to meet NEA's deadline"
 - **Explanation on why an item as a Must-Go:** If the Front Office does not get an explanation why the tasker is urgent we will be calling, sending emails or bouncing back, thus causing a delay. Please provide an explanation why this product is urgent with as much detail as possible.
 - **Type of product including drafter info:** "These are draft press elements, which USUN will use to negotiate a spoken (not written) statement by the Security Council after the 2:00 p.m. meeting on X. (b)(5)"
 - **Who has and hasn't cleared and why:** "This received all relevant lateral and seventh floor clearances, with the exception of S/P, which did not respond to several emails and phone calls including up through the Acting Director."
 - **What to focus on:** (b)(5)
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- The end product in Onepaper should look something like this:

"These are draft press elements, which USUN will use to negotiate a spoken (not written) statement by the Security Council after the 2:00 p.m. meeting on X. (b)(5)"

(b)(5) This is the first (zero) draft and we will have at least two more opportunities to review it. This received all relevant lateral and seventh floor clearances, with the exception of S/P, which did not respond to several emails and phone calls including up through the Acting Director. No clearers flagged any concerns with the exception of a

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have been clearing it around the building, resulting in the short turnaround time for FO clearance”. (IO/UNP)

OVERDUE PAPERS: Please submit ASAP.

Action Office(s)	Package Title	Due to FO	Drafter(s)
PKO	(b)(5)		
MPR			
PPC			
SC			
MPR			
SCT			
MSP			
HRH			

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PKO,MPR	
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UNP	
STA	
SCT	
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PAPERS DUE TODAY BY 10:00 A.M. (unless noted otherwise):

Action Office(s)	Package Title	Due to FO	Drafter(s)
UNP	(b)(5)		
EDA			

PAPERS IN FRONT OFFICE CLEARANCE

Action Office(s)	Package Title
MPR	(b)(5)
SCT	
MSP	
HRH	
MPR	
IO	
HRH	Congressional Response H: Multi-signer letter from Rep. Boebert regarding invitation to the UN Special Rapporteurs to study "systemic racism" in the U.S. H20210728-008 (Due COB 8/3)

LOOK AHEAD TO TOMORROW

Action Office(s)	Package Title	Due to FO	Drafter(s)
PKO	(b)(5)		

Resources and Links

- The '[IO and 7th Floor Drafting Guidance](#)' document can be used for general information and guidance.
- You can find Appointment Requests Forms in the [IO/FO Sharepoint Homepage](#)
- All lateral clearances should be obtained before the FO deadline, including D, S/P and P.

Front Office Processes

- All Principals will clear in [OnePaper](#), which is IO's system of record for FO clearances and approvals. All FO clearances must be recorded in OnePaper, not on email.

- Always start with InfoLink to ensure you have the most current template. Papers that do not adhere to [InfoLink](#) templates will be bounced.
- Please submit your DAR entries by email to the Staff Assistants before 5:00 p.m. each day. Late DARs may be sent the following day. If you know you will have a DAR but it is not ready by the deadline, please inform the Staff Assistants.

Packages for the Line

- Do not contact the Line directly. Work with the Staff Assistants for any requests.

Releasing Cables

- The Staff Assistants release cables on behalf of the IO Bureau. If another bureau will be releasing the cable, please indicate in OnePaper when submitting.
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