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Urgent – Via Certified Mail
Application For Information Pursuant to the Government
Information (Public Access) Act of 31 October 2001

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REPLY UNDER

THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION (PUBLIC ACCESS) ACT

Dear Mr. P.L.G. van Velzen,

We thank you for sending documents we requested under the Government Information Act concerning the “Agreement on encouragement and reciprocal protection of investments between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Republic of Tunisia “(the “Agreement”) of 11 May 1998.

We hereby acknowledge receipt of those documents, including a clarifying note on the treaty of 1998 and minutes and records related to the negotiations of the previous Agreement of May 1963.

We have not, however, received documents pertaining to several of our other requests, namely:

- (1) the minutes or records of negotiations of the Agreement of 1998 between the parties and documents clarifying *inter alia* the interpretation of this Agreement (with the exception of said clarifying note on the treaty which you sent us);
- (2) the minutes or records of the amendments to the previous Agreement on encouragement and reciprocal protection of investments between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Republic of Tunisia of 23 May 1963 as well as those relating to the exchange of letters between the Netherlands and the Republic of Tunisia that took place between 26 April 1971 and 16 July 1971.

We would be greatly appreciative if you could send these documents to us. We understand that, under the Government Information (Public Access) Act, you will reply to us within two weeks or less.

For your convenience, we enclose hereby your cover letter dated 20 July 2009, by means of which you kindly sent us some of the files we requested under the Government Information Act.

Please contact me at my telephone number or e-mail address (listed above) if you have any questions relating to this application for information.

Thank you very much in advance for your assistance and kind regards,

Attorneys

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