EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

November 23, 2009

Dear Mr. Minister:

We are writing to express appreciation for your ongoing cooperation with and assistance to The Last Great Ape Organization (LAGA) and its Director, Ofir Drori. As you know, Mr. Drori is currently facing a court case which he is convinced is instigated by corrupt individuals trying to foil some of his work in combating corruption in the wildlife sector. We understand that Mr. Drori is sending you a complaint letter detailing concerns arising from this case and seeking clarifications from your ministry.

We have supported Mr. Drori's work for a number of years and see the success of his and your ministry's work in fighting wildlife trafficking as one of Cameroon's significant anti-corruption success stories. We hope that your timely intervention will help ensure that the current court case does not undermine LAGA or threaten Mr. Drori's ability to continue his important work. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Ambassador of the United States of America

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Ambassador of Israel

Jean-Carol Pelletier

High Commissioner of Canada

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High Commissioner of the United Kingdom

His Excellency

Elvis Ngolle Ngolle,

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CC: H.E. Amadou Ali, Minister of Justice, Keeper of the Seals of the Republic of Cameroon, Yaoundé