

THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (Div. J, P.L. 110-161), (the "Act"), as with every Foreign Operations Appropriations Act since 1985, provides that "none of the funds made available in this Act... may be made available to any organization or program which, as determined by the President of the United States, supports or participates in the management of a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization." The Act provides \$39,676,000 (post-rescission) for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

As reflected in the law and as a matter of longstanding policy, the United States opposes coercive abortion and involuntary sterilization. I have determined that by providing financial and technical resources through its sixth cycle China Country Program to the National Population and Family Planning Commission and related entities, UNFPA provides support for and participates in the management of the Chinese government's program of coercive abortion and involuntary sterilization. Therefore, the Kemp-Kasten Amendment continues to preclude funding of UNFPA. As required by the Act, a comprehensive analysis as well as the evidence and criteria utilized to make this determination are enclosed.

As provided by section 660 of the Act, \$6,943,300 (post-rescission) of FY 2008 funds appropriated under the heading "International Organizations and Programs" shall be transferred before the end of the fiscal year to the "Global Health and Child Survival" account.

The Honorable  
Dave Obey, Chairman,  
Committee on Appropriations,  
House of Representatives.

We will continue to remain engaged with China and UNFPA on this very important issue.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Negroponte". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

John D. Negroponte

Enclosures:

As stated.