



TO: [REDACTED]

DATE: 29 May 2007

A: [REDACTED]

REFERENCE: [REDACTED]

FROM: [REDACTED]

*Wadsworth Gibson*

**Report of the investigation into allegations of pornographic material having been transmitted by [REDACTED] personnel using the Lotus Notes email system (ID Case No. 0120/07)**

1. On [REDACTED] the Investigations Division of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (ID/OIOS) received a pornographic image, depicting a [REDACTED] male politician engaged in sexual relations with two unidentified women, which had been sent via the United Nations (UN) Lotus Notes e-mail system from [REDACTED]. ID/OIOS learned that the image had been shown in the local [REDACTED] media and was of great local public interest.
2. ID/OIOS conducted an investigation of the matter, which included, but was not limited to, the interview of [REDACTED] personnel and the review and analysis of relevant documents.
3. ID/OIOS has concluded its investigation and found that staff members in the [REDACTED] had obtained and transmitted the image for legitimate information-gathering purposes, which included transmission of the image, in a code cable, to [REDACTED] due to its potential ramifications in the [REDACTED] political scene.
4. ID/OIOS concluded that there was no misconduct by the persons recorded in the email trail as having transmitted the image. **Accordingly, ID/OIOS recommends no further action be taken against the concerned staff members. (ID Recommendation IV07/0120/01)**
5. ID/OIOS also established that the transmission of the subject image, by [REDACTED] staff members, using [REDACTED] Information and Communications Technology (ICT) assets, was common place. This was no doubt because of the high profile character depicted and the subsequent media frenzy. This behaviour, however, is clearly prohibited by ST/SGB/2004/15.

6. ID/OIOS noted that [REDACTED] management, at the request of ID/OIOS, took appropriate action to remind staff members of their responsibilities pursuant the ST/SGB/2004/15 and did so by transmitting the said Bulletin with a reminder to all [REDACTED] staff members.

7. Due to the prevalence of violations of Section 4.1(a) of ST/SGB/2004/15 in the [REDACTED] and throughout the Organization, ID/OIOS recommends that the [REDACTED] consider implementation of the procedures utilized by the [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] as detailed at Appendix A. These procedures have been successfully utilized by [REDACTED] to address violations of ST/SGB/2004/15. (ID Recommendation IV07/0120/02).

8. Your response, by [REDACTED] regarding the findings and recommendations of this report would be greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact [REDACTED] on extension [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] on extension [REDACTED].

9. Thank you and kind regards.

cc. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## Appendix A

Proposed procedures for dealing with violations of Section 4.1 (a) of ST/SGB/2004/15  
[REDACTED]

- 1) The personal use of United Nations Information and Communication Technology resources are authorized in Section 4 of ST/SGB/2004/15.
- 2) Violations of Section 4.1 (b) in [REDACTED] will be addressed in the following manner:
  - a) Allegations deemed to be in gross violation of 4.1(b) (i.e. child pornography) will be investigated by ID/OIOS in accordance with Section 8 and 9 of ST/SGB/2004/15 and [REDACTED] Resolution A/Res/59/287;
  - b) Other allegations and/or violations reported to ID/OIOS will be referred to [REDACTED] for transmission to the respective [REDACTED] for the following actions:
    - i. Confirmation of the authorized misuse;
    - ii. Subsequent disconnection of authorized access to [REDACTED] computer resources for the assigned operator in accordance with Section 6.1 (b);
    - iii. Notification to the appropriate [REDACTED] of the alleged violation with the requirement to provide: 1) written justification as to why the [REDACTED] are required for the staff member in question; and 2) written assurances that the inappropriate use of [REDACTED] services will not re-occur;
    - iv. Notification of action taken to be provided to ID/OIOS;
    - v. If the staff member denies the allegation or requests further assessment the allegations are to be referred to ID/OIOS for investigation;
    - vi. Any subsequent allegation involving the same staff member to be referred to ID/OIOS for investigation and, where it is established that the staff member has violated ST/SGB/2004/15 the matter is referred to the [REDACTED] for appropriate action.

