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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: Ms. Eleanor T. Burns
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Ref: IAD-UNAMI

SUBJECT: Assignment no AP2011/812/04-Audit of the human rights programme in UNAMI

1. Please find attached UNAMI's comments on AP 2011/812/04 "Audit of the human rights programme in UNAMI".
2. We are grateful for your review and regret the delay in responding to the recommendations.

Best regards,

cc: Mr. Francesco Motta, Chief, Human Rights Office, UNAMI
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AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

ANNEX I

Audit of the human rights programme in UNAMI

Rec. no.	Recommendation	Critical ¹ / important ²	Accepted? (Yes/No)	Title of responsible individual	Implementation date	Client comments
1	UNAMI should establish a performance management framework to facilitate effective assessment of the human rights programme including identifying constraints in programme implementation to allow remedial action to be taken as appropriate.	Important	YES	ANDREA ORI	30 June 2012	A framework for monitoring output and assessing outcomes of programmes and activities will be developed through May 2012 and will be implemented through June 2012.
2	UNAMI should ensure that all the reported human rights abuses and violations are promptly recorded.	Important	YES	FRANCESCO MOTTASINAN AL TAIE	30 May 2012	The failure of the database from GVA/OHCHR has meant that the office has had to return to manual recording of cases as our own database was discontinued. Our staff are working with GVA/OHCHR to ensure problems with connectivity are addressed and rectified, hopefully by end MAY 2012.

¹ Critical recommendations address significant and/or pervasive deficiency or weakness in governance, risk management or internal control processes, such that reasonable assurance cannot be provided regarding the achievement of control and/or business objectives under review.

² Important recommendations address important deficiencies or weaknesses in governance, risk management or internal control processes, such that reasonable assurance may be at risk regarding the achievement of control and/or business objectives under review.

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3	UNAMI should develop and implement procedures to identify and manage vital records in compliance with SGB/2007/5.	Important	YES	FRANCESCO MOTTA	30 June 2012	The HRO may have to seek expert advice on record management and record keeping in compliance with SGB2007/5. We will consult with MS on this matter.
4	UNAMI should take appropriate action to ensure that all human rights reports are issued regularly and in a timely manner in accordance with the Policy Public Reporting by Human Rights Components of United Nations Peace Operations, allowing sufficient time for the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights' review.	Important	YES	FRANCESCO MOTTA	30 June 2012	This is an ongoing issue. In 2011 the HRO report was delayed in GVA/OHCHR because they simply did not move on getting the HC sign off. We are examining ways to ensure the MOU between OHCHR/DPA is respected.