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**CORRESPONDENCE ID: 573099**

**DUE DATE: 9/14/2009**

**ORIGINATOR:** Christophe, Kouakou K. (Deputy Chief of Mission)  
**ADDRESSED TO:** Solis  
**CONSTITUENT:** E.O. 12126 & E.O. 13126  
**WH ID NUMBER:**  
**ORGANIZATION:** Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act ("TVPRA")  
**DATE OF LETTER:** 8/28/2009  
**SUBJECT:** Concern From Cote d'Ivoire Re: Child Labor List Under TVPRA & E.O. 12126

**ACTION AGENCY:** ILAB

**DATE ROUTED:** 8/31/2009

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Dear Madam:

I have the honor to express in the name of my Government our deep concern about the TVPRA list and the Executive Order 12126 to be published soon.

Indeed, we have been informed that the U.S. Department of Labor is going to publish two lists with significant diplomatic and U.S. manufacturing implications under the Trafficking Victims Protection reauthorization Act ("TVPRA") and Executive Order 13126 ("The Prohibition of Acquisition of Products produced by Forced or Indentured child Labor ("Executive Order").

We also understand that cocoa from Côte d'Ivoire may be included in those lists.

If this is true this is a great disservice to our country and to all the efforts we have made with international stakeholders, including the US Department of Labor over the past 8 years to address child and forced adult labor.

We implore you not to include cocoa from Côte d'Ivoire on this list as it will seriously jeopardize the spirit of cooperation in which we have worked. Such a listing will cause us to re-evaluate the value of our efforts and partnerships to address the issues.

Please accept the assurance of my highest consideration.

The Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.

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Kouakou K. Christophe  
Deputy Chief of Mission

