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I, Julieta Valls Noyes, Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy to the Holy See certify that the attached is a true copy of this Embassy's diplomatic note number (40-2011) dated April 4, 2011, and delivered to the Secretariat of State to the Holy See on Monday, April 4, 2011.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Valls Noyes", written in a cursive style.

Julieta Valls Noyes  
Counselor

Nr. 40-2011

The Embassy of the United States of America to the Holy See presents its compliments to the Secretariat of State and has the honor to inform the Secretariat of the lawsuit entitled John Doe 16 v. Holy See et al., which is pending in the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Case Number 2:10-cv-00346 RTR in which the Holy See is a defendant. The Embassy herewith transmits a summons and complaint. This note constitutes transmittal of these documents to the Holy See as contemplated in Title 28, United States Code, Section 1608(a)(4).

Under applicable United States law a defendant in a lawsuit must file an answer to the complaint or some other responsive pleading within 60 days from the date of transmittal of the complaint (i.e. the date of this note) or face the possibility of having judgment entered against it without the opportunity of presenting evidence or arguments in its behalf. Accordingly, the Embassy requests that the enclosed summons and complaint be forwarded to the appropriate authority of the Holy See with a view towards taking whatever steps are necessary to avoid a default judgment.

Under the laws of the United States, any jurisdictional or other defense including claims of sovereign immunity must be addressed to the court before which the matter is pending, for which reason it is advisable to consult an attorney in the United States. Otherwise, proceedings will continue without an opportunity to present evidence or possible defenses. Consistent with practice, the United States Department of State is available to discuss with counsel the requirements of U.S. law. The United States Government is not a party to this litigation and cannot represent other parties in this matter, nor does it take a position on the merits of the underlying litigation.

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In addition to the summons and complaint, the Embassy is enclosing a notice of suit prepared by the plaintiff, which summarizes the nature of the case and includes references to pertinent U.S. laws concerning suits against foreign States.

The Embassy of the United States of America to the Holy See avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of State the assurances of its highest consideration.

Attachments:

1. Summons, Complaint and Notice of Suit  
Translations



The First Section of the Secretariat of State,  
Section for General Affairs,  
Secretariat of State,  
Vatican City,  
April 4, 2011.

**DIPLOMATIC NOTE**