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Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon
Executive Office of the Secretary-General
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New York, New York, 10017, U.S.A.

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Re: Resolution Adopted by the Participants of the Meeting of Citizens Gathered to Pursue the Allegation of Illegal Financial Activities of the United Nations Information Center, Tokyo

Dear Mr. Ban Ki-moon,

We are the Consumers Union of Japan (CUJ), founded in April 1969 and officially certified as a non-profit organization on May 1, 2006 by the Japanese NPO legislation. We continue to be a non-political and financially independent organization (NGO). CUJ is funded by membership fees and donations. Since 1969 we have been working actively to secure sound and healthy life for our children.

We have organized a meeting of citizens to pursue the allegation of illegal financial activities of the United Nations Information center (UNIC), Tokyo, on 18 November, 2008.

In the spring of 2008, we received information about the possibility that illegal financial activities had been going on.

Consequently, we sent open letters to the Foreign Minister and the UNIC Director in May, 2008. However, we could not be satisfied with their replies. We understand that the Japanese financial

contributions to the United Nations come from citizen's taxes. Therefore, as we have right to know, we thought we should pursue the illegal financial activities occurring at the UNIC, Tokyo. At the same time, we have realized that the issue is also related to the problem of infringement of human rights within the UNIC.

Enclosed is the resolution which was adopted by all the participants at the citizens meeting.

We sincerely hope that you will accept the spirit of the resolution, shared by many other citizens, and that the principle of the resolution will be reflected in the United Nations Management reform.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Yoko Tomiyama
Chairperson
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