RE: Abou Elkassim Britel and Others  
P-1638-11  
United States

Dear Petitioners:

I am pleased to address you on behalf of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in connection with the petition referred to above, concerning the situation of Abou Elkassim Britel and Others in United States which was received at the Secretariat on November 18, 2011.

I hereby inform you that by means of a note sent today the pertinent parts of your petition have been forwarded to the Government of United States, which has been given a period of three months in which to submit its response, in compliance with Article 30 of the Commission’s Rules of Procedure.

This request for information implies no prejudgment regarding the decision the Commission may adopt with respect to the petition’s admissibility.

In addition, I inform you that, based on Article 40(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Commission, at any stage of the examination of a petition or case, on its own initiative or at the request of the parties, the IACHR will place itself at the disposal of the petitioners and the State to reach a friendly settlement based on respect for the human rights established in the American Convention, the American Declaration, and other applicable instruments.

Sincerely,

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