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HE Abdalla Salem El-Badri
Secretary General
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Dear Secretary General El-Badri:

The Antitrust Task Force of the House Committee on the Judiciary will hold a hearing on Thursday, May 22, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in room 2141 Rayburn House Office Building. The title of the hearing is: Retail Price of Gas and Competition in the Oil Industry.

I would like to invite you to testify at this hearing. Understanding that a personal appearance would require you to travel a considerable distance, we would be happy to teleconference you into the hearing. In addition, should you have an unalterable scheduling conflict, you are welcome to send some other OPEC representative in your stead. Please prepare a written statement for submission to the Committee prior to your appearance. The written statement may be as extensive as you wish and will be included in the hearing record. To allow sufficient time for questions at the hearing, please briefly highlight the most significant points of the written statement in an oral presentation lasting five minutes or less. Oral testimony during the hearing, including answers to questions, will be printed as part of the verbatim record of the hearing. Only transcription errors may be edited subsequent to the hearing.

To facilitate preparation for the hearing, please send an electronic copy of your written statement and curriculum vitae to the Committee 48 hours in advance of the hearing. The Committee will publish the statement on our website and, therefore, requests that you provide the documents in Word Perfect, Microsoft Word, or Adobe Acrobat. Please number all pages of the written statement, and attach a cover page with your name, position, date, and the title of the hearing. These documents may be e-mailed to Anant Raut on my staff at

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In addition, the Committee requests that you provide 50 copies of your written statement to Mr. Raut, 2138 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC, 20515, by 12:00 p.m. the day of the hearing. Due to delays with our current mail delivery system, the copies should be hand delivered in an unsealed package. If this is not possible, please bring the copies with you the day of the hearing. If you intend to teleconference, alternate arrangements can be made. Should you intend to introduce a published document or report as part of your written statement, I ask that you provide 50 copies for the hearing. Should such material be available on the Internet, please prepare a page containing citations to such material and provide the Committee with 50 copies.

Section 210 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 applies the rights and protections covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Accordingly, the Committee on the Judiciary strives to accommodate/meet the needs of those requiring special assistance. If you need special accommodation, please contact the Committee on the Judiciary in advance of the scheduled event (3 days requested) at 202-225-3951.

Additionally, the Rules of the House require a disclosure of the amount and source (by agency and program) of any Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) which is relevant to your testimony and was received, by you or by an entity which you represent, during the current fiscal year or either of the two preceding fiscal years. Therefore, please fill out the enclosed "Truth in Testimony" Disclosure Form and fax it to the Committee at 202-225-7680 prior to the hearing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Raut on my staff at 202-225-3951.

I look forward to your participation in the hearing.

Sincerely,



John Conyers, Jr.
Chairman

Enclosures