Letter dated 1 December 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, this is to inform you that an addendum to the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army/Movement was signed in Juba on 1 November 2006. Please find attached herewith the said addendum (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Francis K. Butagira
Permanent Representative
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Cessation of Hostilities Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army/Movement Juba/Sudan

ADDENDUM 1

Preamble:

WHEREAS:

a. The Government of the Republic of Uganda (GOU) and the Lord's Resistance Army/Movement (LRA/M) (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties") signed a Cessation of Hostilities Agreement (the Agreement) on the 26th August 2006, under which the Parties agreed to cease all hostile military and other actions and propaganda aimed at each other, that may undermine the Peace Talks;

b. Some difficulties have been experienced in the implementation of the Agreement, necessitating review of the Agreement;

c. The Parties, in accordance with Articles 8 and 11 of the Agreement, have agreed to review and have reviewed the said Agreement.

Now therefore the Parties agree as follows:

1. Recommitment of the Parties

a) This Addendum shall form part of the Agreement, and the Parties hereby recommit themselves to implementing the terms of the Agreement and the Addendum.

b) In case of any conflict and/or inconsistency between this Addendum and the Agreement the provisions of this Addendum shall prevail to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.
2. Violations

Pursuant to Article 1 of the Agreement, the following shall constitute violations of the Agreement and shall be deemed to be actions that may undermine the Peace Talks:

a) Any attacks, threats or acts of violence directed against the other Party and/or civilians and/or any other person or persons by either Party or both Parties.

b) Subject to the provisions of section 4 (e) below, failure by the LRA to assemble or to remain in the designated Assembly Areas.

c) Removal of food and/or service support from the Assembly Areas.

d) Obstruction of the activities of the Cessation of Hostilities Monitoring Team (CHMT).

e) Acquisition, recovery or replenishment of arms, ammunition or other military equipment by the LRA within Southern Sudan.

f) Other acts investigated by the CHMT and/or determined by the Mediator to be violations of the Agreement.

3. Determination on Hostile Propaganda

a) The Mediator shall, on receipt of any complaint arising from Article 2 of the Agreement, refer the matter to the CHMT, if the complaint is not made by the CHMT, determine whether the complaint discloses any act(s) or omission(s) that undermine(s) the standing of a party by the other.

b) Upon receiving a report of such determination the Mediator shall convene a meeting of both Parties to discuss how such a violation can be handled.

4. Additional Obligations of the Government of Southern Sudan

a) During the subsistence of the Agreement, the Government of Southern Sudan shall ensure that the LRA does not acquire, recover or replenish arms and ammunition within its territory.
b) Save in the most exceptional circumstances as shall be determined by
the CHMT, and with the consent of the Mediator, there shall be no
supply of food and/or service support to the LRA outside an
Assembly Area.

c) The Government of Southern Sudan shall ensure security in the
general area East of Nimule – Juba Road to the satisfaction of the
Parties.

d) Special arrangements shall be made for the personal security and
protection of the property of the members of the CHMT and the LRA
delegation, and in the event that the Peace Talks fail, they shall be
guaranteed safe passage or escorted to safety.

e) The Government of Southern Sudan shall ensure adequate security,
logistical and service support to the LRA Assembly Areas and such
security, logistical and service support shall be confirmed by the
Mediator and/or verified by the CHMT.

f) The Mediator shall provide to the Parties and the CHMT maps
delineating the Assembly Areas described in section 5 of this
Addendum.

5. Assembly Areas

a) During the subsistence of the Agreement the LRA in Southern Sudan
shall assemble its forces within 15 (fifteen) kilometers radius from the
administrative headquarters of Owayny-Ki-Bul and 10 (ten) kilometers
radius from the administrative headquarters of Ri-Kwangba within the
Sudan.

b) The forces of the Parties shall remain as far apart as 15 (fifteen)
kilometers of the specified perimeters of the Assembly Area at
Owayny-Ki-Bul.

c) Except with the express permission of the Mediator, and with
notification of the CHMT, nobody shall visit the LRA Assembly
Areas.

6. Monitoring

a) Every effort shall be made to ensure that the African Union or any
other body acceptable to the Parties appoints military or other personnel to assist in the implementation of the Agreement.

b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 9 (a) iii of the Agreement, the CHMT shall be deemed to be and to have been validly constituted whenever the Team Leader and two representatives of each Party are present.

c) The status of subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall be reviewed not later than December 1, 2006.

d) The members of the CHMT shall enjoy full protection of both Parties.

7. Assembling

a) The LRA east of the Nile, within Southern Sudan, shall complete assembling in Owiny-Ki-Bul within one week after the signature of this Addendum and after section 4 (e) has been complied with.

b) The Mediator shall provide logistical and service support at Ri-Kwangba within two weeks after the signature of this Addendum.

c) After the provision of the logistical and service support at Ri-Kwangba, the LRA shall within two weeks complete assembling of their forces.

d) Within one week of the assembly of the LRA within Owiny-Ki-Bul, the LRA shall provide all relevant information to the Mediator concerning members of the LRA who may still be in Uganda.

e) The Mediator, the CHMT and the LRA shall ensure that the LRA forces remaining in Uganda relocate to Owiny-Ki-Bul within two weeks.

8. Review of Implementation

The implementation of the Agreement shall be reviewed at least once a month and the Agreement shall lapse upon the signing of a formal ceasefire agreement between the Parties.
In witness whereof, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties have signed this Addendum at Juba on the 1st day of November 2006.

(Signed) Hon. Ruhakana Rugunda (Dr)  (Signed) Mr. Martin Ojul
Minister of Internal Affairs and Leader of the LRA/M Delegation
Head of GoU Delegation

Witnessed by:
(Signed) H.E. Lt. General Rick Machar Teny-Dhurgon (PhD)
Vice President, Government of Southern Sudan
And Mediator of the Peace Talks