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REPORT ON ALLEGED MISUSE OF [REDACTED]

REDACTED REPORT

ID Case No. 0677-06

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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THROUGH:
S/C DE: [REDACTED]

FROM: [REDACTED]
DE: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Report on alleged misuse of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

1. The Investigations Division of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (ID/OIOS) completed its preliminary investigation into allegations that [REDACTED] a staff member assigned to [REDACTED] substance commonly known [REDACTED]

2. The circumstances of this case are as follows: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was accused of conspiring, distributing and possessing with the intent to distribute [REDACTED] in violation of [REDACTED] laws. [REDACTED] was further accused of using the [REDACTED] to smuggle [REDACTED] into [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED] was sentenced to [REDACTED] and was ordered to pay [REDACTED] as per the [REDACTED] document dated [REDACTED]

4. During [REDACTED] interview with ID/OIOS Investigator [REDACTED] admitted that [REDACTED] had pled guilty for [REDACTED] violating the [REDACTED] in connection with [REDACTED] and consumption of [REDACTED], a substance that [REDACTED] knew was controlled. But [REDACTED] denied that [REDACTED] had smuggled [REDACTED] into the [REDACTED] via the [REDACTED] and stated that, contrary to the indictment issued by [REDACTED] authorities, the substance found in the [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] that one of [REDACTED] had sent to [REDACTED]. According to [REDACTED] only assisted that colleague, although [REDACTED] knew that the [REDACTED] was not to be used for private purposes [REDACTED]

5. United Nations staff must comply with the "UN Staff Regulations and Rules" and the "Standards of Conduct for International Civil Servants". On 1 November 2002, the Secretary-General of the UN circulated a Bulletin (ST/SGB/2002/13) to all staff that includes both of these sets of rules as well as the "Status, Basic Rights and Duties of United Nations Staff Members".

6. Among other things, the Regulations and Rules provide that staff members shall conduct themselves at all times in a manner befitting their status as international civil servants and shall not engage in any activity that is incompatible with the proper discharge

of their duties with the United Nations. Also, staff members shall avoid any action that may adversely reflect on their status, or on the integrity, independence and impartiality required by that status. Staff members must also comply with local laws.

7. Furthermore, the Standards of Conduct provide that, although the private life of an international civil servant is their own concern and organizations should not intrude upon it, there can be situations in which the behavior of an international civil servant can reflect upon the Organization. The Standards also provide that the privileges and immunities that international civil servants enjoy are conferred upon them solely in the interest of the Organization. They do not exempt international civil servants from observing local laws, nor do they provide an excuse for ignoring private, legal or financial obligations.

8. The evidence adduced regarding [REDACTED] which includes [REDACTED] statement to the ID/OIOS - clearly shows that [REDACTED] conduct described above is inconsistent with [REDACTED] obligations as an international civil servant, in that [REDACTED] failed to observe the standards expected of [REDACTED] and has also failed to observe both, relevant host country laws and UN regulations and rules.

9. ID/OIOS therefore recommends that appropriate action be taken against [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] purchase and subsequent consumption of an illegal substance in the [REDACTED] and for [REDACTED] improper use of [REDACTED]

10. ID/OIOS may submit a follow-up report on this case, should it determine that other staff of the Organization acted improperly in this case.

11. Your response on this report would be greatly appreciated by [REDACTED]. Should you have any questions or comments on any of the matters referred to above, please do not hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED].

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