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Madam,

Resolution E/CN.4/RES/2005/04. "The protection of human rights in the context of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)"

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter referenced GVA 2550 dated 13 October 2006 relative to the captioned subject.

Kindly be advised that the Ministry of Social Services and Community Development of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas has maintained several programmes aimed at addressing the need of HIV-related human rights of women, children and vulnerable groups in the context of prevention, care and access to treatment.

The Health and Social Services Division within the Ministry assists persons infected with HIV/AIDS to obtain medical attention.

The Department of Social Services of the Ministry provides assistance to affected persons who are unemployed and also experiencing financial difficulty meeting food and shelter costs. In addition, the Department provides assistance to children who are infected or orphaned as a result of HIV/AIDS through placement with relatives or foster care. A foster care allowance is provided.

Please accept, Madam, the assurances of our highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charo R. Walker'.

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