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**United States of America  
and  
Belize**

**Exchange of notes constituting an Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Belize regarding the surrender of persons to the International Criminal Court. Washington, 8 December 2003**

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**États-Unis d'Amérique  
et  
Belize**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord entre le Gouvernement des États-Unis d'Amérique et le Gouvernement du Belize relatif à la remise de personnes à la Cour pénale internationale. Washington, 8 décembre 2003**

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON**

December 8, 2003

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to recent discussions between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Belize regarding the surrender of persons to the International Criminal Court.

Reaffirming the importance of bringing to justice those who commit genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes,

Recalling that the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court done at Rome on July 17, 1998 by the United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court is

Her Excellency

Lisa M. Shoman,

Ambassador of Belize.

intended to complement and not supplant national criminal jurisdiction,

Considering that the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Belize have each expressed their intention to investigate and to prosecute where appropriate acts within the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court alleged to have been committed by their officials, employees, military personnel or other nationals,

Bearing in mind Article 98 of the Rome Statute,

I have the honor to propose the following agreement:

1. For purposes of this agreement, "U.S. persons" are current or former Government officials, employees (including contractors), or military personnel or nationals of one Party.

2. U.S. persons present in the territory of Belize shall not, absent the express consent of the Government of the United States of America,

(a) be surrendered or transferred by any means to the International Criminal Court for any purpose, or

- (b) be surrendered or transferred by any means to any other entity or third country, or expelled to a third country, for the purpose of surrender to or transfer to the International Criminal Court.

3. When the Government of Belize extradites, surrenders, or otherwise transfers a person of the United States of America to a third country, the Government of Belize will not agree to the surrender or transfer of that person to the International Criminal Court by the third country, absent the express consent of the Government of the United States.

4. This Agreement shall remain in force until one year after the date on which one Party notifies the other of its intent to terminate the Agreement. The provisions of this Agreement shall continue to apply with respect to any act occurring, or any allegation arising, before the effective date of termination.

If the proposal set forth herein is acceptable to the Government of Belize, this note and Your Excellency's affirmative note in reply shall constitute an agreement