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ASUNTO: Se da a conocer comunicado emitido por la Embajada de los Estados Unidos de América, en México.

A LAS INSTITUCIONES Y SOCIEDADES MUTUALISTAS DE SEGUROS E INSTITUCIONES DE FIANZAS

La Secretaría de Hacienda y Crédito Público, solicita a esta Comisión dé a conocer al sector asegurador y afianzador el comunicado del 22 de octubre pasado y anexo, emitido por la Embajada de los Estados Unidos de América, en México, mediante el cual informan la adición de un nombre más a la lista de ese país sobre entidades y personas relacionadas con el terrorismo.

Por lo expuesto y para los efectos procedentes, se anexa al presente el documento de que se trata, el cual se da a conocer en su versión original en idioma inglés.

Lo anterior se hace de su conocimiento con fundamento en los artículos 108 fracción IV de la Ley General de Instituciones y Sociedades Mutualistas de Seguros, 68 fracción VI de la Ley Federal de Instituciones de Fianzas y de conformidad con el Acuerdo por el que la Junta de Gobierno de la Comisión Nacional de Seguros y Fianzas delega en el presidente la facultad de emitir las disposiciones necesarias para el ejercicio de las facultades que la ley le otorga a dicha Comisión, y para el eficaz cumplimiento de la misma y de las reglas y reglamentos, emitido el 2 de diciembre de 1998 y publicado en el Diario Oficial de la Federación el 4 de enero de 1999.

Atentamente
SUFRAGIO EFECTIVO. NO REELECCION.
COMISION NACIONAL DE SEGUROS Y FIANZAS
El Presidente

LIC. MANUEL S. AGUILERA VERDUZCO

ANEXO

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TERRORISM FINANCE: ADDITION OF GLOBAL RELIEF FOUNDATION TO THE
ASSET FREEZE LIST (LIST 21)

Talking points (releasable to host governments)

- The international coalition to stem terrorism financing has been a joint effort involving many different countries. Together, we are putting in place the necessary institutional and regulatory infrastructure to bar access to the financial system of terrorists and their financiers.
- The provisions of UNSCR 1373 requiring member states to freeze terrorist assets without delay and to prohibit their nationals or persons in their territories from financing terrorism reflect this shared commitment on the part of the international community.
- The United States Government has forwarded the accompanying list, which comprises the name of one organization, to the UN 1267 Sanctions Committee to request inclusion in its consolidated asset freeze list, as we believe that this organization is linked to Usama bin Laden, al Qaida, and the Taliban. The no-objection deadline expires on Tuesday, October 22, at 2 pm EDT.
- We hope that your government can undertake swift and immediate measures similar to our own to freeze the assets of this organization.
- In particular, we consider it important to also freeze the assets of those persons and of those organizations which support the GRF.
- We hope that you will share with us any actions or blocking of assets that you undertake. In addition, we would welcome any information that you would like to share with us regarding the activities of this or related groups and individuals.
- We appreciate the close cooperation with your country in this effort.

GLOBAL RELIEF FOUNDATION

The Global Relief Foundation (GRF), also known as Fondation Secours Mondial (FSM), and its officers and directors have connections to, and have provided support for and assistance to, Usama bin Laden (UBL), al Qaida, and other known terrorist groups. These include groups previously designated by the United States under President Bush's September 2001 Executive Order 13224 regarding terrorism and included on the United Nations 1267 Sanctions Committee's consolidated list of individuals and entities whose assets are required to be frozen pursuant to UN Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs) 1267 and 1390.

Links to UBL and al Qaida:

Rabin Haddad, a senior GRF official who co-founded GRF and served as its president throughout the 1990s and in the year 2000, worked for Makhtab al-Khidamat (MAK) in Pakistan in the early 1990s. MAK was co-founded by Sheikh Abdullah Azzam and UBL in the 1980s and served as the precursor organization to al Qaida. MAK was designated by President Bush in E.O. 13224 and was subsequently included on the UN 1267 Sanctions Committee's consolidated list. The organization has helped funnel fighters and money to the Afghan resistance in Peshawar, Pakistan, and established recruitment centers worldwide to fight the Soviets. Azzam, who served as a mentor to UBL, was killed in 1989. He is also regarded as a historical leader of HAMAS, which was designated under E.O. 13224. At a recent immigration hearing, Haddad conceded that he met Azzam in Pakistan and characterized him as a "hero."

In addition, GRF has provided financial and other assistance to, and received funding from, individuals associated with al Qaida. Mohammed Galeb Kalaje Zouaydi, a suspected financier of al Qaida's worldwide terrorist efforts, was arrested in Europe in April 2002. Spain's Interior Ministry has described transfers totaling about \$600,000 from Zouaydi and his partners to al Qaida-related organizations, including GRF. Zouaydi apparently sent approximately \$100,000 to an alleged UBL courier, and about \$44,000 to the suspected head of a Madrid al Qaida cell. He also provided funds to Mamoun Darkazanli, a suspected associate of September 11 hijacker Mohamed Atta, who has, along with his company, been designated under E.O. 13224 and included on the UN 1267 Sanctions Committee's consolidated list. Along with these

transfers, Zouaydi sent over \$200,000 to Nabil Sayadi, head of FSM, GRF's Belgium office. GRF has admitted receiving funds from Zouaydi.

GRF and FSM personnel had multiple contacts with Wadih El-Hage, UBL's personal secretary when UBL was in Sudan. El-Hage was convicted in a U.S. district court in May 2001 for his role in the UBL-directed 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. At the time that El-Hage was playing an active role in an al Qaida terrorist cell in Kenya, he was in contact with GRF. For example, documents recovered from a search in Kenya indicated that El-Hage was in contact with GRF after he returned from visiting al Qaida leadership in Afghanistan in February 1997. GRF has acknowledged that El-Hage and Nabil Sayadi, FSM's Director in Belgium, were in contact during this period.

Links to Taliban and Other Entities and Background:

A GRF employee also dealt with officials of the Taliban, which at the time was an entity subject to U.S. sanctions pursuant to United States E.O. 13129 (prohibiting most trade and transactions with the Taliban because it provided a safe haven and base of operations for UBL and al Qaida) and subject to international sanctions pursuant to UNSCRs 1267 and 1333. In November 2001, during the airstrikes in Afghanistan, a GRF medical relief coordinator traveled to Kabul, against the advice of the U.S. Department of State, and engaged in dealings and negotiations with Taliban officials until the collapse of the Taliban regime.

A set of photographs and negatives discovered in 1997 in a trash dumpster outside of GRF's office in Illinois depict large shipping boxes displayed under a GRF banner. The boxes were full of sophisticated communications equipment, including approximately 200 handheld radio transceivers, long-range radio antennas, and portable power packs, with an estimated total value of \$120,000. Other photographs depict fighters armed with automatic rifles, a sand-bagged bunker with a radio antenna mounted outside, and mutilated corpses with the name "KPI" (Kashmir Press International) printed alongside. Yet another photograph displays two dead men with the caption "Hizbul Mujahideen," a known terrorist organization operating in the Kashmir region. On the reverse side of the photograph was handwritten in Arabic, "two martyrs killed by the Indian government."

GRF has stocked and promoted audio tapes and books authored by Sheikh Abdullah Azzam, discussed above, which glorify armed jihad, including "The international conspiracy against Jihad" and "The Jihad in its present stage." Despite Azzam's terrorist background, GRF has enthusiastically promoted Azzam's materials to the public: "His (Azzam's) theology is a sea, his words are jewels, and his thoughts are a light for those who are holding the smoldering embers. He lived the Jihad experiences of the 20th century in Afghanistan . . . and Palestine, and produced a new theory for saving the (Islamic) Nation from disgrace, shame, weakness, and submission to others."

GRF has published several Arabic newsletters and pamphlets that advocate armed action through jihad against groups perceived to be un-Islamic. For example, one 1995 GRF pamphlet reads "God equated martyrdom through JIHAD with supplying funds for the JIHAD effort. All contributions should be mailed to: GRF." Another GRF newsletter requested donations "for God's cause they (the Zakat funds) are disbursed for equipping the raiders, for the purchase of ammunition and food, and for their (the Mujahideen's) transportation so that they can raise God the Almighty's word . . . it is likely that the most important of disbursement of Zakat in our times is on the jihad for God's cause."

GRF received \$18,521 from the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development (HLF) in 2000. HLF, a Dallas, Texas based Islamic charitable organization, was designated under E.O. 13224 on December 4, 2001, and under the European Union's Regulation (EC) No. 2580/2001 on June 17, 2002, for its ties to terrorism. HLF's designation was upheld in a recent decision by a U.S. district court.

**Names and Addresses for the Global Relief Foundation
(Releasable to Host Governments)**

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