



United States
General Accounting Office
Washington, D.C. 20548

Office of the General Counsel

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Mr.

Dear Mr. :

Thank you for your letter of May 5, 1986, presenting in greater detail your arguments in support of your view that the United Nations Treaty provisions dealing with the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice conflict with Article III of the United States Constitution, and suggesting that the Comptroller General has standing to request the Attorney General to file a suit on his behalf seeking an order against further payments by the Government of UN assessments.

We do not agree with you, however, that our Claims settlement authority permits or requires the Comptroller General to institute suit to test the constitutionality of the United Nations Treaty.

For this reason, we are unable to agree to your suggestion, or to respond more specifically to your request.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert H. Hunter".

Robert H. Hunter
Assistant General Counsel