



The Ambassador

*Embassy of Italy
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Dear Senator Dole,

I write in response to your letter of October 27 informing me of the U.S. position on a moratorium on the exports of anti-personnel landmines and of the resolution proposed in the UN General Assembly.

Please know that I immediately apprised my government of the contents of your letter, referring also to the importance the U.S. Congress attaches to this matter, and to your personal interest as well.

I can affirm that Italy too is giving it close attention. Italy's 1990 Law on the export of armaments is one of the most restrictive in the world; in fact, this past year exports dropped by 50%. Moreover, I have just today been advised - and you will be pleased to learn - that Italy is in agreement with the current draft of the UN resolution, and I am confident that my country will also be involved in the follow up to the resolution once the latter has been approved.

Thank you for bringing these concerns to my attention.

With high regard, I remain,

Yours sincerely

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