October 31, 2007

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
Chair
Committee on Foreign Relations
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: UN Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons

Dear Mr. Chairman:

At the meeting of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association held August 13-14, 2007, the enclosed resolution was adopted upon recommendation of the Section of International Law. Thus, this resolution now states the official policy of the Association.

We are transmitting it for your information and whatever action you think appropriate. Please advise if you need any further information, have any questions or if we can be of any assistance. Such inquiries should be directed to the Chicago office.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges that the United States ratify the following Amendment and Protocols to the United Nations Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed To Be Excessively Injurious or To Have Indiscriminate Effects:

1) Amendment of Article 1, done at Geneva December 21, 2001 (Treaty Doc. 109-10), submitted to the Senate June 20, 2006;


3) Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons (Protocol IV), done at Vienna October 13, 1995 (Treaty Doc 105-1), submitted to the Senate January 7, 1997; and

300 was also sent to the following:

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