

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

July 30, 2009

Ms. Malini Aisola
Knowledge Ecology International
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Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Ms. Aisola:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request for **“1. Any and all drafts or proposals regarding the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement text that were circulated to all countries in the ACTA negotiation for discussion at the meeting in Morocco in July 2009, including but not limited to papers by Japan or Canada. This request is limited to documents that have been written within the last 90 days; 2. With regard to the paper by Japan concerning the draft ACTA text that is referenced in (1) the names of all persons not employed by the United States that have received a copy of the paper, including but not limited to any persons who serve on the following advisory boards and who have been given access to the documents (ITAC 3, ITAC 8, ITAC 14, ITAC 15)”**.

Please be advised, that we have located four (4) documents in response to category one of your request. These documents were provided in confidence by other governments with the understanding that they would not be made public and are being withheld as exempt from disclosure under FOIA exemptions 5 U.S.C. Section 552(b)(1). Concerning category two of your request, USTR did not share any paper from Japan regarding the ACTA text circulated for discussion at the meeting in Morocco with any person outside of the U.S. Government.

Inasmuch as this constitutes a complete response to your request, I am closing your file in this office. In the event that you are dissatisfied with USTR's determination, you may appeal such a denial, within thirty (30) days, in writing to:

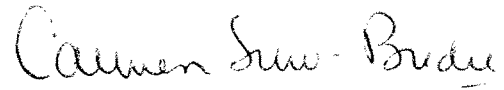
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Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked: "Freedom of Information Act Appeal". In the event you are dissatisfied with the results of any such appeal, judicial review will thereafter be available to you in the United States District Court for the judicial district in which you reside or have your principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia, where we searched for the records you seek.

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Should you have any questions, please contact the FOIA office at (202) 395-3419.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carmen Suro-Bredie".

Carmen Suro-Bredie
Chief FOIA Officer

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