

REFERENCE:

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**Notice of cease and desist**

Dear Mr. Barry,

It has come to our attention that you are operating an online game called “Nationstates”, [www.nationstates.net](http://www.nationstates.net), and that this game uses the UN name and emblem, without authorization.

We wish to inform you that the use of the United Nations name, including its abbreviation, and emblem, is reserved for official purposes of the Organization in accordance with General Assembly resolution 92(I) of 7 December 1946. Furthermore, that resolution expressly prohibits the use of the United Nations name and emblem in any other way without the authorization of the Secretary-General, and recommends that Member States take the necessary measures to prevent the use thereof without the authorization of the Secretary-General. Article 6 *ter*, of the Paris Convention for the Protection of the Industrial Property, revised in Stockholm in 1967 (828 UNTS 305 (1972)) provides trademark protection in respect of the names and emblems of “international organizations,” and requires states party to the Convention “to prohibit by appropriate measures the use, without authorisation by competent authorities” of the names and emblems of international organizations. In the United States, the UN name and the emblem are protected under the Federal Lanham Trade-Mark Act and Section 141 of the General Business Law of the State of New York which makes it a criminal offence to use them without authorization.

The use of the name and emblem of the United Nations in your online game is unauthorized and in violation of the provisions of international and U.S. laws referred to above. Moreover, it may create the false impression that your game is related to the United Nations or is endorsed by it.

We therefore demand that you immediately cease and desist from using the United Nations name and emblem in the above-referenced online game, and that in the future you refrain from using or making any reference to them in connection with your activities.

**By e-mail**

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You are further requested to confirm immediately, by registered mail or by facsimile to (212) 963-3155, that you intend to comply with our requests.

Sincerely yours,



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