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The Honorable Mary L. Schapiro Chairman Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street NE Washington, DC 20549

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Dear Chairman Schapiro,

I am writing to endorse the position taken by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the Committee on International Justice and Peace of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, with regard to the proposed rules the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC or Commission) published to implement Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act ("Dodd-Frank Act") in File S7-40-10, 75 Fed. Reg. 80948 (Dec. 23, 2010). Please know that I fully support the comments sent to you by CRS President Ken Hackett and the Most Reverend Howard J. Hubbard in their letter of February 8, 2011.

As a person of faith and as an American citizen, I want to ensure that the rules will help prevent armed groups in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo from financing violence and human rights abuses by selling conflict minerals. I want the SEC to protect investors by giving us the information essential to making socially responsible decisions.

Please know that I trust the experience of the Catholic Church in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and adjacent countries. I have seen first hand how Catholic Relief Services (CRS) works in collaboration with agencies of Caritas International in such countries. As an investor, I have a strong desire to invest responsibly, avoid fueling violence in the Great Lakes region of Africa, and obtain comprehensive information about investment risks regarding conflict minerals.

I submit these comments in solidarity with the position stated by Catholic Relief Services and with the hope the SEC will consider the desires of ordinary Americans like me who reject violence and do not want to participate in the exploitation of African peoples.

Sincerely yours,

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