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Acting Rector
University for Peace
P.O. Box 138-6100
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Attention: Mr. Georges Tsai

Dear Dr. Tsai:

In a letter dated December 22, 2006, I advised the University for Peace that pursuant to subsection 4(1) of the *Post-secondary Education Choice and Excellence Act, 2000*, it was my intent to grant consent to the University for Peace to advertise or otherwise use the term “university” or any derivation thereof, to hold itself out as a university and to be known in Ontario by the name of University for Peace.

The intent to grant consent was subject to the university accepting the terms and conditions set out in the letter of intent which included the Standard Terms and Conditions for use of the term “university” as well as additional terms and conditions noted in the letter. One of the conditions of consent required the academic activities of the institution to relate to the those identified in the application, namely UPEACE public lecture series, professional seminar series, peace education workshops, high-level expert forum.

In a letter dated January 22, 2007, the University for Peace advised the ministry that the circumstances for University for Peace had changed such that it is no longer in a position to carry out the activities outlined in its application. Information provided by the institution in April 2007 confirmed that while the University for Peace intends to work in Ontario, its future activities will be on a project-by-project basis although the exact nature of these activities is unknown at this time.

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Given the significant changes to the proposed activities and the fact its future activities are unknown at this time, I have determined that I cannot grant consent to the University for Peace to use the term “university” in Ontario. Once the institution determines the activities it would like to undertake in Ontario, it may reapply for a consent to use the term “university”. The ministry would be pleased to assist UP should it decide to reapply for a consent.

I wish the University for Peace every success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Bentley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christopher Bentley
Minister

