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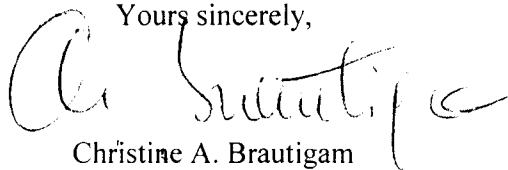
Dear Ms. Junius and Ms. Müller,

I refer to your letter of 4 September 2003, addressed to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, in which you provided information on the situation of female domestic workers in the private households of diplomats in the Federal Republic of Germany, and expressing hope that this information could contribute to open an inquiry procedure according to article 8 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

I should like to inform you that the information you provided and your request were brought to the attention of the Committee at its thirtieth session, 12 to 30 January 2004.

For your information, I should like to mention that the Committee, at its thirtieth session, considered the fifth periodic report of Germany. The Committee's concluding comments will shortly become available on the Division's website, at <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/30sess.htm>.

Yours sincerely,



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