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4th February 2004

Dear Steve,

Further to your letters of 26th November 2004 and 27th January 2005 regarding funding the costs of repatriating people whose applications for social assistance have failed on habitual residency grounds, I agree with the suggestion in your earlier letter that we should meet to discuss this issue.

I understand that this matter was discussed at a meeting between our two Departments in November and that other matters were also discussed, including the inclusion by your Department of asylum seeker "pocket money" payments and necessities such as nappies in Direct Provision Accommodation Centre contractual arrangements. I also understand that your Department is no longer contributing to certain CWO administration costs as heretofore.

We should discuss all of those matters at our meeting, which I would be happy to host at Goldsmith House, Pearse Street (adjacent to the Garda Station). As some of the prospective attendees from this Department are based outside Dublin, we are somewhat restricted in available dates and times. I trust that one of the following options suits you and your team:

Wednesday, 9th February 2005 at 11a.m. or
Thursday, 17th February 2005 at 2p.m.

If so, perhaps you could indicate which option suits you best or alternatively, you might set out a range of other dates. My contact details are:

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Yours sincerely,

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