GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Chairperson, Foreign Missions
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

RE: **FMBZA Application #17020 by the Embassy of Portugal for an Expansion of the Chancery at 2012 Massachusetts Ave., NW; Proposed Expansion Area Faces P Street, NW**

Dear Chairman Griffis:

At its meeting on May 14, 2003, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) considered Foreign Missions Board of Zoning Adjustment (FMBZA) Application #17020, an application by the Embassy of Portugal to expand the building at 2012 Massachusetts Ave., NW, for use as a chancery with the proposed expansion area facing P Street, NW. This application is made subject to 1002.1 of the District of Columbia Zoning Regulations. With eight of nine commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly called public meeting, the following motion was unanimously approved:

> ANC 2B supports FMBZA Application #17020, an application by the Embassy of Portugal to expand the building at 2012 Massachusetts Ave., NW, for use as a chancery with an entrance on P Street, NW, subject to the negotiation of a voluntary agreement which includes the following provisions: (1) a prohibition on the conversion of parking on P Street, NW, to diplomatic parking; (2) the retention of replacement of the trees on the property; and (3) the identification of a point-of-contact to address any future issues of concern.

The Commission and the Embassy have successfully executed such an agreement. The Commission's support of this application is contingent upon the inclusion of this agreement as a stipulation to the FMBZA's final order on this matter. As this premises is in my Single Member District, I will serve as the Commission's contact on this matter. Please feel free to contact me on (202) 607-8429 or by e-mail at Vince.Micone@DupontCircleANC.net for additional information or assistance. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION:

Very truly yours,

Vince Micone
Chairperson

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VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF THE EMBASSY OF PORTUGAL

This Agreement is entered into this 27th day of May, 2003, by and between the Embassy of Portugal (the "Embassy") and Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B ("ANC 2B").

Whereas, the Embassy has filed an application (No. 17020) with the Foreign Missions Board of Zoning Adjustment for a 500 square foot expansion of and associated exterior improvements to its chancery building located at 2012 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. pursuant to Section 1002.1 of the District of Columbia Zoning Regulations; and

Whereas, ANC 2B voted to support Application No. 17020 at its May 14, 2003, public meeting, subject to three conditions; and

Whereas, the Embassy has agreed to comply with the three requested conditions.

Now therefore, in consideration of the mutual agreements and undertakings memorialized herein, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. The Embassy of Portugal agrees not to request diplomatic parking spaces along the street frontage of the property that abuts P Street, N.W. ANC 2B will not oppose a request for diplomatic parking along the street frontage of the property that abuts Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.

2. The Embassy of Portugal agrees that in the event that the two trees in the public space abutting the property on P Street, N.W., must be removed, replacement trees will be planted of equal or greater size, as measured in caliper inches of the trunk of the tree to be removed, measured at a height of no greater than four feet from the ground.

3. The Embassy of Portugal agrees to appoint a person to serve as a contact for the neighborhood in the event that issues arise regarding the Embassy's use of the property. The Embassy will provide the name and telephone number of the contact person to the representative of the ANC single member district in which the property sits.

The Embassy of Portugal

His Excellency Pedro Catarino
Ambassador of Portugal to the
United States of America

ANC 2B

Vince Micone, Chairperson
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B