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The Hon. Barney Frank,  
Congress of the United States,  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Frank,

We received the letter from you and your colleagues dated 19 December 2005 with the greatest concern. I would like to address the issue you raised concerning the arrest of a number of individuals accused of perpetrating acts which violate the laws in force in the UAE. The UAE respects international principles and conventions concerning human rights which prohibit the persecution of anyone. We assure you that all rights and liberties are guaranteed in the constitution, and that the issue you raised is being dealt with in accordance with the law. Consequently, the rights of the individuals concerned are safeguarded in the course of judicial and legal procedures.

The UAE categorically denies the news reports to the effect that the individuals concerned have received hormone treatment. That has no basis in fact.

The UAE is host to individuals belonging to over 150 nationalities, which constitutes a rich basis for racial, cultural, and religious diversity. I am pleased to assure you that the freedom and rights of individuals to express their views and beliefs are guaranteed by the constitution and laws of the UAE.

We thank you once again for your interest in the UAE and we look forward to developing a relationship based on open dialogue and respect.

Please accept our sincere regards,

Jassim Al Housani  
Charge d'Affairs, *ai*

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