

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

January 4, 2018

Honorable Scott S. Harris Clerk Supreme Court of the United States Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: Starr International Company, Inc. v. United States, No. 17-540

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on October 6, 2017. The government's response is now due, after two extensions, on January 12, 2018. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time, to and including February 12, 2018, within which to file the government's response.

The requested extension is necessary because the attorneys with principal responsibility for preparation of the government's response have been heavily engaged with the press of previously assigned matters with proximate due dates.

Petitioner's counsel does not oppose this further extension.

Sincerely,

Noel J. Francisco Solicitor General

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