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Dear Dr Straumann

I refer to your letter of 1 September 2011 to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon Kevin Rudd MP, regarding the activities of the Chief Minister of Sarawak, YAB Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud. Mr Rudd has asked that I reply to you on his behalf.

Your correspondence has been referred to the Australian Attorney-General's Department for consideration.

Australia takes its responsibilities under the *UN Convention against Corruption* and the *UN Convention against Transnational Organised Crime* seriously and will continue to implement these obligations as a priority.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to the attention of the Australian Government.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Blazey'.

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