

MODEL LETTER OF REQUEST (ACCUSED PERSON TREATY COUNTRY)

Unless the Treaty states otherwise a request for extradition may be made EITHER by a Minister of the Requesting Country OR by that Country's diplomatic or consular representative. This draft document may be used where a request for extradition is made by A MINISTER OF THE REQUESTING COUNTRY and is in respect of an offence of which the person has been accused or convicted in absentia. It may also be adapted for use where another official has authority under the Treaty to make requests.

(On letterhead of the Minister of the requesting country)

TO The Republic of the Fiji Islands Minister for Foreign Affairs & External Trade
C/- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade
Level 8, Nadonumai House,
Suva.
FIJI

REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION OF [Name of person sought]

I [Full name], Minister of [State portfolio eg Minister of Justice] of [Name of Requesting Country] refer to the Treaty on Extradition between [Name of country] and the Republic of the Fiji Islands [United Kingdom] of [Date] and, pursuant to that Treaty [to which the Republic of the Fiji Islands has succeeded], formally request the extradition from the Republic of the Fiji Islands of [Full name of person sought] (also known as [set out any aliases]) who is wanted in [Name of requesting country] for the following offences:

[List all offences for which the person's extradition is sought]

A warrant for the arrest of [*Name of person sought*] for these offences was issued by [*Name of issuing authority in the Requesting Country*] on [*Date*]. This warrant of arrest remains in full force and effect.

I enclose, in support of this extradition request, a set of documents that has been authenticated in accordance with the requirements of the Treaty and the Extradition Act 2003 (Republic of the Fiji Islands), together with two copy sets. The set of supporting documents includes a copy of the warrant for arrest and written depositions setting out a description of, and the penalty applicable in respect of, the offence; and the conduct constituting the offence, [*together with English translations of all the documents*]. [*If the treaty requires other documentation to be provided that should also be mentioned.*]

I would be grateful if this request and the enclosed supporting documents could be transmitted to the competent Republic of the Fiji Islands authorities for action in accordance with the Treaty, and that my officials be kept informed of progress in dealing with the request. The contact person is [*Name, position*] whose contact details are as follows [*phone number, email*].

Signed at [*place*] this [*date*] day of [*month*] 200[*1*]

[*ORIGINAL SIGNATURE OF MINISTER*]

[*OFFICIAL SEAL OF
MINISTER*

[*REQUESTING COUNTRY*]

[*Name of Minister*]

Minister of [*portfolio*]

[*Name of Requesting Country*]

Encl. One original set of authenticated supporting documents
Two copy sets