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TONGSUN PARK SENTENCED TO MAXIMUM TERM OF IMPRISONMENT
FOR OIL-FOR-FOOD PROGRAM CORRUPTION

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that TONGSUN PARK, 71, a citizen of the Republic of Korea, was sentenced today to 60 months' imprisonment for his role in connection with corruption of the United Nations Oil-for-Food Program. On July 13, 2006, PARK was found guilty by a jury of conspiring to act in the United States as an unregistered agent of the Government of Iraq, in particular, to assist the former Iraqi Government with respect to the creation of the United Nations Oil-for-Food Program. United States District Judge DENNY CHIN imposed PARK's sentence today in Manhattan federal court.

Judge CHIN ordered that the 60 months' imprisonment -- the maximum allowed by law for the offense of conviction -- be followed by 3 years of supervised release. Judge CHIN also ordered PARK to pay a fine of \$15,000 and to forfeit \$1.2 million to the United States. The funds forfeited in this case, as with other funds recovered in the Office's investigation of corruption in the Oil-for-Food Program, are expected to be remitted to the Development Fund for Iraq established on May 21, 2003 by United Nations Security Council Resolution 1483.

Mr. GARCIA praised the efforts of the Counterintelligence and Criminal Divisions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Department of State. He also expressed appreciation to the Independent Inquiry Committee into the United Nations Oil-for-Food Program and the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs for their invaluable assistance during the course of the prosecution. Finally, Mr. GARCIA expressed his appreciation for the assistance provided by the current Iraqi Mission to the United Nations.

Assistant United States Attorneys EDWARD C. O'CALLAGHAN, STEPHEN A. MILLER, MICHAEL FARBIARZ, and LISA P. KOROLOGOS are in charge of the prosecution.