

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:33 p.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. King Abdallah

spoke in Arabic, and his remarks were translated by an interpreter.

## Message to the Senate Transmitting the Bermuda-United States Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters *June 29, 2010*

*To the Senate of the United States:*

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, I transmit herewith the Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Bermuda relating to Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Hamilton on January 12, 2009. I also transmit, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Department of State with respect to the Treaty.

The Treaty is one of a series of modern mutual legal assistance treaties being negotiated by the United States to more effectively counter criminal activities. The Treaty should enhance our ability to investigate and prosecute a wide variety of crimes.

The Treaty provides for a broad range of cooperation in criminal matters. Under the Treaty,

the Parties agree to assist each other by, among other things: producing evidence (such as testimony, documents, or items) obtained voluntarily or, where necessary, by compulsion; arranging for persons, including persons in custody, to travel to the other country to provide evidence; serving documents; executing searches and seizures; locating and identifying persons or items; and freezing and forfeiting assets or property that may be the proceeds or instrumentalities of crime.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to the Treaty, and give its advice and consent to ratification.

BARACK OBAMA

The White House,  
June 29, 2010.

## Remarks at a Town Hall Meeting and a Question-and-Answer Session in Racine, Wisconsin *June 30, 2010*

*The President.* Thank you so much. Thank you. Everybody, have a seat, if you've got a chair. [Laughter] Well, thank you so much. Thank you, everybody. It's great to see you. It's good to be back in Racine. It is great to be back in this hall, because I don't know if there was anybody here who, when I was running for President, came—we did a rally in this hall. Must have—that's like—is that 3 years ago? Two? [Laughter] I did not have as much gray hair back then. [Laughter] That I'm certain of. Jim Doyle still had hair on his head. [Laughter] That's true.

I want to make some acknowledgements. First of all, you got one of the best Governors in the country and one of the most wonderful first ladies; Jim Doyle and Jessica Doyle are here. I want to acknowledge your outstanding and dy-

namic young mayor; John Dickert is here. You know, I try not to meddle in local politics, but you got a Milwaukee mayor who might make a really good Governor; Tom Barrett is here. State Treasurer Dawn Marie Sass is here. And State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Evers is here.

I also want to thank Bishop Darrell Hines for doing the invocation, Justine Boerger for doing the pledge, and Staff Sergeant Emily Russell, who's with the Wisconsin National Guard and sang our national anthem. Give them a big round of applause. Thank you. Thank you.

So it is great to be back in the Midwest—even if it's just for a day—especially on a day like today. I was trying to tell somebody that weather in the Midwest is always like this. [Laughter] You know, lakes all calm and blue.