U.S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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STATEMEMENT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING THE MATTER OF SENATOR ROBERT MENENDEZ

Washington, DC—U.S. Senate Select Committee on Ethics Chairman Christopher A. Coons (D-DE) and Vice Chairman James Lankford (R-OK) today issued the following statement:

"Earlier today, the Committee notified Senator Menendez through his counsel that members voted unanimously to initiate an adjudicatory review of his alleged violations of Senate Rules. The Committee anticipates completing the adjudicatory review promptly.

An adjudicatory review is required when the Committee considers disciplinary actions, such as expulsion or censure. The adjudicatory review will be conducted in accordance with Committee Supplementary Rules of Procedure 4 and 5, and Senator Menendez will be afforded the procedural rights he is due under those provisions. At the completion of the adjudicatory review, the Committee will move expeditiously to submit a written report to the Senate including specific findings and any recommendations for disciplinary action."