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Letter dated 23 November 1990 from the President of the General
Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Second Committee

I have the honour to enclose herewith, for any appropriate action by the Second Committee, a letter dated 20 November 1990, addressed to me by the President of the Trade and Development Board relating to agenda sub-item 79 (b) entitled "Development and international co-operation: Trade and development".

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Guido de MARCO

Annex

Dear Mr. President,

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 44/219, paragraph 10, in which the Assembly took note of Board decision 377 (XXXVI) on arrangements and preparations for the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to be held in 1991, including the agreement to hold consultations on its location in Latin America.

These consultations, which were conducted first by my predecessor H.E. Mr. Oscar R. de Rojas (Venezuela), President of the Trade and Development Board at its thirty-sixth session, and later by myself, have come to a successful conclusion, and I am now in a position, on behalf of the Board, to recommend through you, for approval by the General Assembly, that UNCTAD VIII be held at Punta del Este, Uruguay, from 21 September to 8 October 1991.

The offer of the Government of Uruguay to host the Conference at Punta del Este was made after the Government was informed of the implications of hosting the Conference, both in terms of the facilities required, and in terms of the estimated additional direct or indirect costs to the United Nations that would need to be defrayed, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 40/243.

Members of the Trade and Development Board have warmly welcomed the generous invitation of the Government of Uruguay and I should like to take this opportunity to express my own personal satisfaction, and that of the Board membership as a whole, at this welcome outcome to a question which has preoccupied the board for some time, as the venue in Latin America will reinstate the previous pattern of rotation of the Conference among the different groups of the developing world.

On the question of dates, the Government of Uruguay has indicated that it would not be in a position to host the Conference at Punta del Este before late September 1991. In this light, the recommended dates for the Conference are from Saturday, 21 September 1991 to Tuesday, 8 October 1991, preceded by the usual two days of pre-Conference consultations among senior officials on 19 and 20 September, particularly to minimize any necessary overlap with the work of the General Assembly, particularly its Second Committee.

I should be most grateful if you could inform the relevant organs of the General Assembly of the recommendations I have mentioned above, with a view to the General Assembly taking an appropriate decision to convene the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in Punta del Este, Uruguay, from 21 September to 8 October 1991.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Jean-David LEVITTE
President of the Trade and Development Board