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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM
IN THE AGENDA OF THE THIRTY-SECOND SESSION

PLACE OF MEETING OF THE THIRTY-THIRD SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Letter dated 21 October 1977 from the Acting Permanent
Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour, on behalf of the Philippine Government, to request, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure, the inclusion in the agenda of the thirty-second session of the General Assembly of an additional item entitled "Place of meeting of the thirty-third session of the General Assembly".

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure, an explanatory memorandum and a draft resolution are attached.

(Signed) Alejandro D. YANGO
Ambassador
Acting Permanent Representative

ANNEX I

Explanatory memorandum

1. Mrs. Imelda Romualdez Marcos, Special Envoy of the President of the Philippines, in the statement which she delivered during the 15th plenary meeting of the current session of the General Assembly on 30 September 1977 (A/32/PV.15, p. 48-50), extended the offer of the Philippine Government to act as host to the thirty-third session of the General Assembly at Manila next year.

2. The offer was made in accordance with rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, which states:

"The General Assembly shall meet at the Headquarters of the United Nations unless convened elsewhere in pursuance of a decision taken at a previous session or at the request of a majority of the Members of the United Nations."

3. In her statement, Mrs. Marcos suggested that, in the interest of a deeper understanding of its problems and conditions, the General Assembly meet on occasion in the third world.

4. She pointed out that the Philippines "is a country of the third world, which is a microcosm, an archetype of its problems ..." and added:

"It is a country where the General Assembly may see for itself what is meant by the third world. Perhaps we may get the feel of its problems at first hand while enjoying the most modern facilities and comforts which the work of the General Assembly and its Secretariat requires for maximum efficiency."

5. Manila has the facilities to enable the General Assembly, the delegations and the Secretariat to carry out their work effectively.

6. For the proposed holding of the thirty-third session of the General Assembly at Manila, the Philippine Government is prepared to undertake the financial responsibilities involved, including those provided for in paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969.

7. Since the founding of the United Nations, there has not been a regular session of the General Assembly held in a developing country. The General Assembly has met three times outside of Headquarters in capitals of developed countries. It is timely, therefore, that such a session be convened in one of the countries of the third world.

8. The Philippines trusts that the General Assembly will accept the offer of the Philippine Government to act as host to the thirty-third session in 1978.

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ANNEX II

Draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Considering that, under the provisions of rule 3 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly may be convened elsewhere than at the Headquarters of the United Nations, in pursuance of a decision taken at a previous session or at the request of a majority of the Members of the United Nations,

Noting the offer of the Government of the Philippines to act as host to the thirty-third regular session of the General Assembly,

Taking into account its resolution 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969,

1. Decides that the thirty-third regular session of the General Assembly shall be held at Manila;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to take all appropriate steps for the implementation of the present resolution.
