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Note by the Secretary-General

ADDENDUM

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the Members of the General Assembly the attached communication, dated 9 December 1966, from the Permanent Mission of Peru to the United Nations.

PERMANENT MISSION OF PERU
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

The Permanent Mission of Peru to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the note which it had the honour to transmit to him on 31 August 1966, begs to state the following:

The Government of Peru offered the city of Lima as the headquarters of the secretariat of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) because of the advantages that city could offer and to mark the interest which the Government of Peru has taken and continues to take in the success of the organization.

It now considers, however, that it is in the interests of the organization that the number of alternative sites proposed as headquarters for UNIDO should be reduced to a minimum and it has therefore decided to withdraw its proposal regarding the city of Lima.

While sacrificing its expectations in order to facilitate agreement on the choice of a headquarters site for the UNIDO secretariat, the Government of Peru wishes to state that it would be glad to see the Latin American regional headquarters of the organization established at Peru.

It therefore takes this opportunity of proposing, through the good offices of the Secretary-General, the city of Lima as the site of the Latin American regional headquarters of UNIDO, without prejudice to similar approaches to the Executive Director and the Industrial Development Board of the organization and to the Governments of Latin America.

In making this proposal, the Government of Peru ventures to draw attention to the increased general growth rate of Peruvian industry in recent years and to the active part which it has had the honour to play at the United Nations in the creation and organization of UNIDO and in settling its final structure.

Lima, the capital city of Peru, offers considerable practical advantages, both because of its geographical situation in Latin America and because of the efficient facilities which it enjoys as a centre of communications between the various parts of the region and with other continents.

In drawing attention to these favourable circumstances, the Government of Peru trusts that the proposal regarding the city of Lima will be favourably considered and that Lima will be accepted in due course as the Latin American regional headquarters of the organization.

The Permanent Mission of Peru to the United Nations would like this communication to be circulated as a General Assembly document and takes this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 9 December 1966
