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Special session of the General Assembly devoted to international economic co-operation, in particular to the revitalization of economic growth and development of the developing countries

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Secretary-General has the honour to bring to the attention of the members of the General Assembly the attached letter dated 6 March 1990 addressed to the President of the General Assembly by the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia (see annex).
2. In order to enable the General Assembly to consider the request, referred to in the annex below, it will be necessary to re-open agenda item 83, entitled "Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly in 1990".

ANNEX

Letter dated 6 March 1990 addressed to the President of the General Assembly by the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations

I have the honour to refer to the letter of H.E. Ambassador Samir S. Shihabi of 16 February 1990, which was conveyed to you, in his capacity as Chairman of the Islamic group and in which he informed you about the dates of the Muslim feast that falls immediately on the completion of the fasting month of the Ramadan.

You may recall that the General Assembly, by its decision 43/460 of 7 March 1989, decided to convene from 23 to 27 April 1990 a special session devoted to international economic co-operation, in particular to the revitalization of economic growth and development of the developing countries, which will be the eighteenth special session of the Assembly.

Since these dates coincide with the aforementioned major Muslim feast, it would be very difficult to secure the full participation of the delegations of Muslim countries on those dates. Therefore, on behalf of the States members of the Islamic group and after extensive consultations with the regional groups, I would like to request a slight modification to the dates for the eighteenth special session. We would like to suggest that the Assembly hold its special session from Monday 23 April to Saturday 28 April, with no meetings being held on the day of the Eid-es-Seghir (on either Wednesday 25 April or Thursday 26 April).

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all regional groups for their co-operation in accomodating our request.

I would appreciate it if you would bring this request to the attention of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Mohammed Mirdass AL-KAHTANY
Chargé d'affaires a.i.
Acting Chairman of the
Islamic Group
