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Dear Mr. Shah Abdus Salam,

Thank you for your interest in the work of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, UNCTAD. We appreciate the opportunity to consider your organization's request for observer status with UNCTAD.

UNCTAD is a knowledge-based institution whose work aims to help shape current policy debates and thinking on development. It works to maximize trade, investment and development opportunities for developing countries and assists their efforts to integrate equitably into the world economy. In doing so, we work with member Governments and interact with organizations of the United Nations system and regional commissions, as well as with governmental institutions, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, research institutes and universities worldwide.

NGOs that are granted observer status with UNCTAD should be competent and able to make a contribution to UNCTAD's work in the area of trade and development, and related issues. In the process of evaluating your organization's application for observer status with UNCTAD, we have noted that Development Wheel, DEW, works in the areas of human development, education, labour, social welfare and livelihood.

Therefore, your organization may wish to explore the opportunity to cooperate with organizations that are competent in your work areas such as the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the International Labour Organization (ILO).

On behalf of UNCTAD, we wish your organization continued success.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Arlette Verploegh', written over a horizontal line.

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