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Dear Mr. Bernward Geier,

I am pleased to inform you that, at its twenty-eighth executive session, the Trade and Development Board, at its plenary meeting held on 12 March 2002, approved the application by the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM) for observer status with UNCTAD and agreed to its classification in the special category under the provisions of paragraph 12 (b) of the Board decision 43 (VII), to be represented at meetings of the Commission on Trade on Goods and Services, and Commodities and the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development and the meetings of the Board itself when the Board has before it for consideration specific matters falling within the terms of reference of these Commissions.

Your organization will be included in the Secretariat's mailing list to receive notifications concerning sessions of the Commission on Trade on Goods and Services, and Commodities and the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development and, as appropriate, concerning sessions of the Board. The Distribution and Sales Section of the United Nations Office at Geneva has been asked to add your organization to its mailing list and to send you in future one copy in English of all general documents issued for sessions of the Board and for sessions of the above mentioned Commissions and their subsidiary organs.

We look forward to close collaboration between UNCTAD and your organization on matters of common concern.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Koch', is written over the typed name.

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