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DATE AND PLACE OF THE TENTH SESSION

Note by the Secretary-General

By a letter dated 22 April 1976, addressed to the Chairman of the Commission, the representative of Austria, on behalf of his Government, invited the Commission to hold its tenth session in Vienna. At the request of the Chairman of the Commission, the letter of the representative of Austria is reproduced in an annex to this note.

Annex

Letter dated 22 April 1976 from the representative of Austria
addressed to the Chairman of the United Nations Commission on
International Trade Law

The Austrian Federal Government has, since the time of the creation of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, taken particular interest in the work of this Commission. Austria became a member of UNCITRAL in 1971, and since that time the Austrian delegation has undertaken every effort within its power to contribute to the realization of UNCITRAL's projects.

The Austrian Federal Government, as well as the Austrian delegation to UNCITRAL would thus welcome it if the next, i.e. the tenth plenary session could be held in Vienna. Like New York and Geneva, Vienna is hosting several United Nations organizations, e.g. the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency. With the assistance of these organizations which already exist in Vienna, as well as with the full support of the Austrian Federal Government, the UNCITRAL secretariat should, therefore, be in a position to make the necessary technical arrangements for this session to be held in Vienna.

It is for this reason that the Austrian Federal Government is prepared to bear any additional costs, as far as these costs are not covered by the United Nations regular budget, which might arise from the holding of the session in Vienna instead of Geneva.

Conference facilities would be available in Vienna for the time from 1 March to 9 April 1977 or from 23 May to 20 August 1977.

The Austrian delegation expresses its sincere hope that the ninth plenary session will be in a position to take the above request into positive consideration and to ask the General Assembly at its forthcoming session to approve the holding of the 1977 session of UNCITRAL in Vienna.

At the same time it would be appreciated if the UNCITRAL secretariat could inform the Austrian delegation or the Austrian Mission to the United Nations in New York of the required technical arrangements, in particular of the number and size of the conference rooms. The Austrian delegation would propose the "Kongresszentrum Wien Hofburg" (Hofburg Congress Centre in Vienna) as site of the session.

A copy of this letter will be sent to the Chief of the UNCITRAL secretariat.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Roland LOEWE