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The ECLAC secretariat wishes to draw the Commission's attention to the attached note from the Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Mr. Ferdinand Mercado, dated 25 March 2002, addressed to Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Executive Secretary of ECLAC in which the Commonwealth officially offers to host the thirtieth session of ECLAC, scheduled to be held in the first half of 2004.

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
The Secretary of State
San Juan, Puerto Rico

25 March 2002

His Excellency Mr. José Antonio Ocampo
Executive Secretary
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
Santiago, Republic of Chile

Mr. Executive Secretary:

Further to the indication you received recently from the Under-Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Honourable Miguel Soto Lacourt, I have the honour to submit, on behalf of Puerto Rico, an official application to host the thirtieth session of ECLAC, to be held in 2004. This application is based on our firm commitment to participating in discussions and the search for solutions to the challenges facing the Americas. Please be assured that our country has the necessary resources to ensure the success of this event.

I wish to extend an official invitation for members of the staff of ECLAC to visit Puerto Rico in order to view the available facilities and commence discussions on the organization of the session.

Please be assured that I stand ready to do everything in my power to strengthen and enhance the ties between the Commission and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ferdinand Mercado