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**Consideration of the Chairman's paper transmitted from
the second session of the Commission acting as the
preparatory committee, together with relevant inputs to
the preparatory process**

**Letter dated 14 March 2002 from the Permanent Representative
of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman
of the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the
preparatory committee for the World Summit on
Sustainable Development**

I have the honour to inform you that the Third High-Level Forum on the Cooperation between Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean in the framework of the Interregional Platform of Cooperation was held in Caracas on 19 and 20 February 2002. The Forum adopted the Declaration of Caracas on the Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (see annex).

The Forum being held some months before the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the heads of State and Government and ministers who attended it mandated its Chairman, H.E. Mr. Hugo Chávez Frías, President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, to submit the said Declaration to the Summit and its preparatory process for consideration.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Summit and its preparatory process.

(Signed) Milos **Alcalay**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex to the letter dated 14 March 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development

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