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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

It has now been five years since the United Nations University Press published one of its most successful volumes entitled *WTO and Global Governance*. At the time, it was apparent that many views were held by heads of international organizations, governmental and non-governmental organizations, private corporations, think-tanks, politicians, the press and others as to the role of the WTO in international affairs. An excellent chapter was contributed by the then Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan.

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In order to contribute constructively to the debate, I invited a number of prominent personalities with varying views on the matter to express their views. *The WTO and Global Governance* contains their contributions. It was widely distributed and served as the basis for a most successful international conference on the topic in Geneva, the conclusion of which offered useful suggestions as to future directions of the WTO.

As the Doha Development Agenda moves along in fits and starts, I believe it is timely to once again bring together the views of prominent personalities on the role of the WTO in international affairs. As with the original volume, we are not looking for new research on the part of the authors. It is rather to contribute to the critical debate on future policy directions for the WTO to ensure its appropriate role in global governance.

I would very much like to invite you to contribute a chapter to this volume. I have sent you a copy of the book under separate cover, but also enclosed a copy of the Table of Contents that indicates the topics and the authors which appeared five years ago.

As before this volume would be published by the United Nations University Press, and the editor would be Gary P. Sampson who is Professor of International Economic Governance at the UNU Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS). With the wide distribution network of the UNU Press, the book will once again reach a large and varied audience - particularly in developing countries - and also find itself both in most libraries and on the reading lists of many universities.

It may be of interest for you to know that a number of authors have already indicated they would be pleased to contribute a chapter. These include, among others, Pascal Lamy (Director General, WTO), Juan Somavia (Director General, International Labour Office), Dr. Supachai (Secretary General, UNCTAD), and Louise Arbour (High Commissioner for Human Rights).

As this is a very topical subject, and in order to maximize the contribution of the book to the policy debate, we are working to a very tight deadline. For this reason we are setting a date for the submission of your contribution by 2 August 2007. The length of the

chapter should be in the order of 7500 words, although there are no strict upper or lower limits.

I sincerely hope you will agree to contribute to this worthwhile project. I would appreciate it if you would inform me or Professor Sampson (g.sampson@mbs.edu) as to whether you would be in a position to contribute to the volume.

Yours sincerely,



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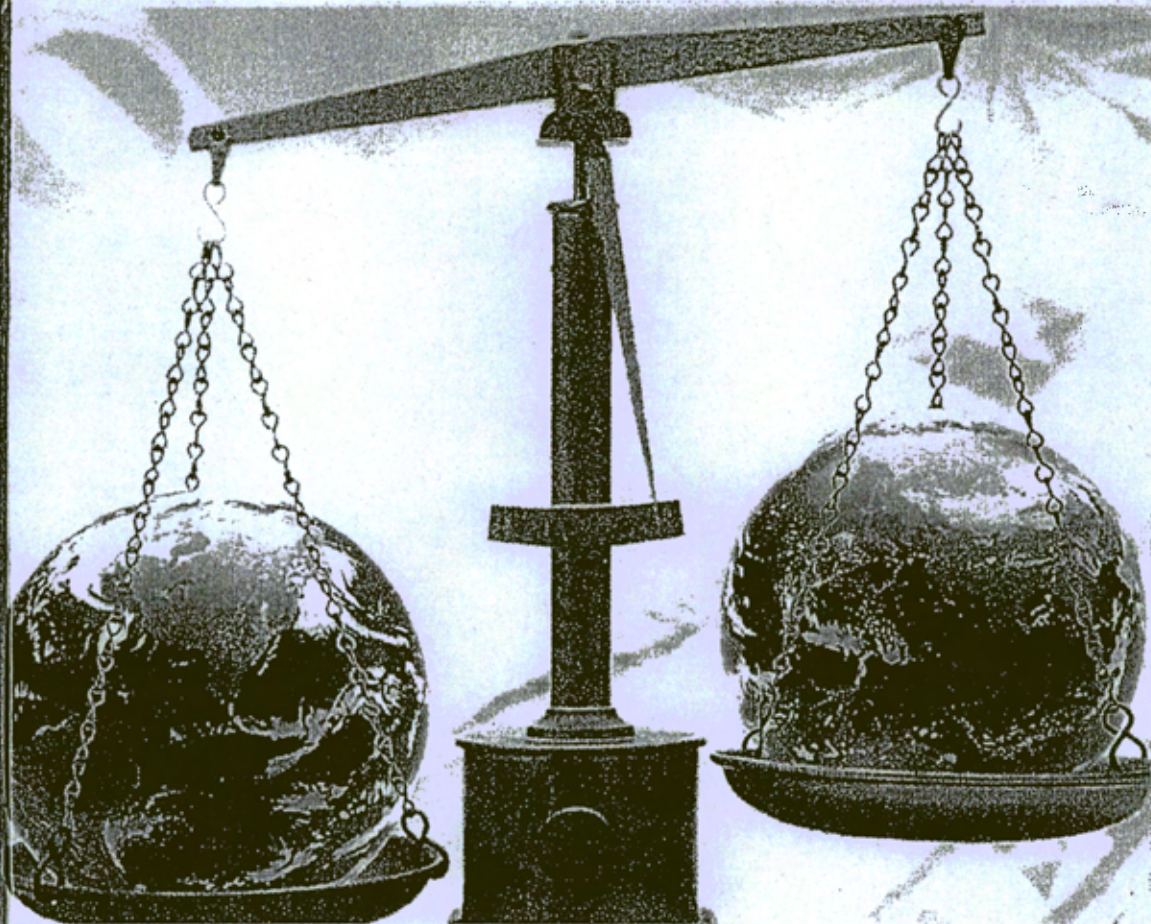
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