Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Government of Lithuania in cooperation with the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) will host the World Information Technology Forum (WITFOR), held in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, 27-29 August 2003.

WITFOR is a unique initiative of exceptional value. The Vilnius WITFOR will launch a regular cycle of conferences to be held every second year.

The topic of WITFOR is Information Communication Technology equity. The target of WITFOR is to hold a round table of politicians and senior officials responsible for information development from both developing and developed countries; representatives of non-governmental organizations; representatives of inter-governmental organizations; experts.

The goal of WITFOR is to prepare and help implement development strategies and projects in developing countries. I kindly invite you to come to Vilnius and make your personal contribution to seeking solutions in the field of Information Communication Technology equity.

The beauty of information and knowledge has today become a main issue in the global development. It penetrates deep and leaves its trace in all areas of our everyday life - education, health care, economic competitiveness, protection of environment as well as development of democracy, internal and external stability.

No one but ourselves seeking to modernize our countries and guarantee well-being and peace to our citizens can put the resolution of the Information Communication Technology equity problem on the global scale.

In Vilnius we will stand side by side to cope with this complex and highly significant challenge.

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Honorary Chairman of the WITFOR - Vilnius 2003