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To whom it may concern

As a member of Model WTO's Advisory Board, I ask your help in ensuring the continued quality and excellence of this simulation of a WTO negotiation. The WTO benefits tremendously from this unique event and is very keen to see its success endure.

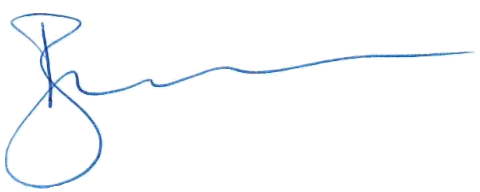
Since the late 1990s, each year over 70 students from around the world come to Switzerland to participate in a week-long intensive WTO negotiation exercise. The Model WTO is organized by a group of highly dedicated students from the University of St. Gallen. The event takes place in St. Gallen and Geneva and culminates with a grand finale at the World Trade Organization's headquarters.

Participants act as representatives of WTO Members who get the chance to participate in virtual negotiating committees. At the outset, the students have an opportunity to communicate with actual negotiators from the countries they represent and seek their input and advice. They work towards a final declaration on which they vote. Throughout the process, the students are assisted by experts from the WTO Secretariat. More information about the Model can be found at www.model-wto.org.

The WTO is a strong supporter of this simulated negotiation because it provides tomorrow's leaders and decision-makers the opportunity to experience and understand the dynamics of trade negotiations and deepen their understanding of global trade and build up WTO expertise. Over the years, we have witnessed the fruit of our support and involvement, as several WTO Secretariat colleagues and interns were former participants in the Model WTO.

I appreciate your attention and hope we can count on your support. Do not hesitate to contact the Model WTO team at info@model-wto.org in case you have questions.

Kind regards,



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