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SEMINAR ON THE NATURE AND IMPLICATIONS OF AN INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT AGREEMENT

**Geneva International Convention Centre
Conference Room 2, 17 rue Varembe, Geneva
20 March 2003**

Thursday, 06 March 2003

Dear Friends,

We would like to invite you to participate in a **Seminar on the Nature of Implications of a WTO Investment Agreement and other New Issues**. It will be held at the Geneva International Convention Centre, 17 rue Varembe, Geneva, Conference Room 2, *on 20 March 2003, from 9:00 to 18:00.*

The objectives of the meeting are:

- to enable NGOs coming from different parts of the world to get an update on the issue of foreign investment and the implications of proposals for an investment agreement in the WTO;
- to discuss the various proposals and positions that have been put forward by WTO members;
- To enable NGOs to have a dialogue with the delegations and exchange views with them.

Invited participants to the seminar include representatives of the government missions to the WTO, officials from other intergovernmental organisations, NGO representatives, and investment experts.

We wish to have an open and fruitful exchange of views and perspectives between government and NGO representatives. The seminar will hopefully clarify a number of issues and contribute to better understanding of the positions of various member states and stakeholders.

We look forward to your participation in the seminar. We attach the agenda and registration form for the seminar. Please confirm your participation by sending the filled-up registration form

and direct any queries you may have on the public seminar to:

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REPLY FORM

Seminar on Investment and other new issues, Geneva, 20 March 2003

I would like to confirm that I will be able/ not be able to participate in the above Seminar.

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- 9.00-9.30am** **Registration**
- 9.30-10.00am** **Welcoming and Opening Remarks**
- 10.00-11.45am** **The nature of foreign investment, appropriate national policies
and the question of an international framework**
Yilmaz Akyuz, Director, UNCTAD
Ha Joon Chang, Economics Faculty, Cambridge University
Martin Khor, Director, Third World Network.
- 11.45-1.00pm** **Civil Society Perspectives on a Possible Multilateral
Investment Framework**
- 1.00-2.30pm** **Lunch**
- 2.30-4.00pm** **Dialogue Session I: What is a suitable approach to investment
policy and a possible investment framework?**
- Representatives from Missions of Developed Countries
- Representatives of civil society
- Discussion
- 4.00-5.30pm** **Dialogue Session II: What is a suitable approach to
investment policy and a possible investment framework?**
- Representatives from Missions of Developing Countries
- Representatives of civil society
- Discussion
- 5.30-5.45 pm** **Closing remarks from the organizers**