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The Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations and, in addition to Note 467, of 26 November 2007, has the honour to convey an invitation by the Brazilian Government to the respective Governments of the Permanent Missions to participate in the World Congress III against Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents, to be held in Rio de Janeiro, from 25 to 28 November 2008.

Despite some progress following the 1996 Stockholm Declaration and Agenda for Action, and the 2002 Yokohama Global Commitment, the United Nations Study on Violence Against Children, issued in 2007, has found that sexual exploitation is increasing globally. The Rio de Janeiro World Congress will offer an excellent opportunity to review lessons learned and to seek more effective approaches and partnerships to address this problem.

The Permanent Mission informs that the Government of Brazil would appreciate the participation and cooperation of the delegations of all invited countries, if possible at a Ministerial level, for a successful World Congress III. The corresponding information is herewith included.

The Permanent Mission of Brazil avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions the assurances of its high consideration.

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