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Excellency,

I am writing to express my sincere thanks to you for your participation in the *Global Services Forum: Beijing Summit* held on 28 and 29 May.

UNCTAD very much appreciates your excellent contribution to the success of the Forum. Your able chairmanship allowed participants to engage in constructive exchanges of views, ideas and experiences on how to make the services economy and services trade driving forces for sustainable and inclusive development around the world, especially in developing countries. Your insight and vision on the development of the services sector greatly benefited the participants. I strongly believe that this Forum not only helped to further raise awareness globally of the importance of services and trade in services in development and poverty reduction, but also helped to promote the growth of services and trade in services both nationally and internationally.

With this in mind, UNCTAD will continue to work comprehensively on services by conducting research and analysis, promoting intergovernmental dialogue and consensus-building, and helping developing countries to strengthen their policy, regulatory and institutional capacities in support of their services sectors.

Your ongoing support for UNCTAD's work, including the Global Services Forum, is highly valued, and I look forward to your participation in the next Global Services Forum.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Panitchpakdi', written in a cursive style.

Supachai Panitchpakdi
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