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Dear Mr. Spachis,

I am pleased to inform you that at its Sixty-fifth session, part I held on 7 June 2018, the Trade and Development Board approved the application of European Business Council for Africa and the Mediterranean for observer status with UNCTAD and agreed to its classification in the general category under the provisions of paragraph 12 (a) of Board decision 43 (VII). Trade and Economic Development Council will be able to be represented and to participate in the Trade and Development Board meetings and in the public intergovernmental meetings organized by UNCTAD.

Your organization will be included in the secretariat's mailing list to receive notifications concerning sessions of the Trade and Development Board. The Documents Management Section in the Division of Conference Management of the United Nations Office at Geneva has been asked to add your organization to its mailing list and to send you in the future a copy in English of all general documents issued for sessions of the Board and its subsidiary organs.

We look forward to continued collaboration between UNCTAD and your organization on matters of common concern.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Fowler', written over a faint dotted line.

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