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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

28 September 1976

Dear Professor Nanda,

I wish to thank you for your letter of 13 September 1976 concerning the forthcoming Conference on Water Needs for the Future, to be held at the University of Denver on 8 and 9 October 1976. The subjects which you are tackling in the regional, national and international contexts are those that will underlie the United Nations Water Conference, which is to be convened at Mar del Plata, Argentina, from 14 to 25 March 1977.

The Conference will be concerned with the problem of ensuring that the world manages its water supply so as to ensure that this vital resource is available in sufficient quantities and of sufficiently good quality to meet the mounting needs of a world population which is not only growing, but is seeking improved economic and social conditions for all. The Conference will, for example, take up the challenge of the recent United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, which called for action to provide all the world's peoples with safe water supplies and hygienic waste disposal by 1990 if possible. It will also consider the actions necessary in the water sector to meet the targets set by the World Food Conference in Rome. These problems will be considered in the broad context of the management of water as a resource essential to life itself.

Conferences such as your own, which focus public attention on the vast array of global problems, can make a significant and valuable contribution to the understanding of such crucial questions. I would like to take this opportunity to send you my best wishes for a successful Conference.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kurt Waldheim', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kurt Waldheim

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