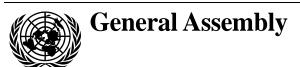
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Letter dated 23 July 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Lithuania to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Lithuania, with the support provided by Canada, Germany, and the Netherlands, has organized The Vilnius Seminar: Advancing the Ottawa Convention in Northern and Eastern Europe, which was held on 8 and 9 June 2004 in Lithuania.

The purpose of the Vilnius Seminar was to discuss all facets of the Convention relevant to the States of northern and eastern Europe, particularly taking stock of progress made and challenges that remain in the pursuit of the Convention's aims in light of its upcoming First Review Conference, which will be held in Nairobi from 29 November to 3 December 2004.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 73 (p) of its fifty-eighth session (see annex).

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