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Washington, DC 20549

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Dear Ms. Hughes:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, BANCO ITAÚ S.A., American Depositary Shares (as evidenced by American Depositary Receipts), (Each representing 500 shares of Preferred Shares) and Preferred Shares, without par value. (application for the Preferred Shares is made for listing, not for trading, but only in connection with the registration of American Depositary Shares pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission) and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 20-F received on February 19, 2002. Tentative listing date – February 21, 2002.

Sincerely,

Povad Madho