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SUMMARY

Highlights of the Second Committee Panel “Globalization and Health” 24 October 2008

As part of the GA Second Committee side events, a panel discussion on “Globalization and Health” was held to address challenges of public health in a globalizing world. Chaired by H.E. Ms. Uche Joy Ogwu (Nigeria), Chairperson of the Second Committee, the panellists were: Prof. Jeffrey Sachs of Columbia University, Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General of WHO, H.E. Mr. Luvuyo Ndimeni, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations in Geneva, Dr. Nils Daulaire, Chief Executive Officer, Global Health Council and Dr. Daniel Halperin, Harvard University School of Public Health. Prof. Sachs and Mr. Ndimeni were also moderators.

Ms. Uche Joy Ogwu (Chairperson of the Second Committee) opened the meeting by noting that although all countries are affected by globalization and its impact on health and development, developing countries are more vulnerable than developed countries to the effects of an unhealthy environment, a lack of social service

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been embedded into US foreign policy and there has been growing recognition of its importance,