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Remarks by lead discussants ( 1 minutes):

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Interactive discussions (## minutes)

- ) The major institutional stakeholders have further aligned their work with the (! ! \$genda and the \$ddis \$genda) 6hich areas have \*ielded the most tangible results% particularl\* as a result of greater coherence across the stakeholders;
- ) 6here should priorit\* action areas be in the \*ear to come% so as to deliver greater progress in areas where data challenges and institutional differences ma\* have slowed progress;
- () 6hat can be done b\* intergovernmental bodies of these institutions to sustain the momentum to implement the \$ddis \$genda;

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Interactive discussions (## minutes)

- ) What are the domestic and international drivers of ine. ualit\* and growth that is not inclusive;
- ) The major institutional stakeholders have an important role to pla\* in advising and supporting countries as the\* wor0 to reduce ine. ualit\* and promote inclusive growth) Can policies be designed in a wa\* to be conducive to growth% povert\* alleviation% and lessening ine. ualit\* at the same time;
- ) What measures can be ta0en to boost both productivit\* and wor0ers< economic opportunities; - ow can fiscal policies be more effective in mitigating growth-ine. uit\* trade-offs;

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The ministerial round tables will be guided b\* paragraph "( " of 1 eneral \$ssembl\* resolution =>?( "( on the @\$ddis \$baba \$ction \$genda of the Third 'nternational Conference on Financing for Development4% which states that the FfD follow-up process should promote the sharing of lessons learned from e2periences at the national and regional levels) Each round table would bring together a balanced mi2 of ministers from developed and developing countries% one high-level representative from an international financial institution or an intergovernmental organiBation% and% time-permitting% high-level representatives from civil societ\* and the private sector)

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- " ) That steps have been taken at national level as well as by international financial institutions towards the implementation of commitments contained in the Sddis \$genda and other FfD outcomes;
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- ) - ow can the international communit\* ensure that trade growth is inclusive% and that bilateral and regional trade agreements% do not further e2acerbate the marginaliBation of 3DCs or small and vulnerable economies in world trade;
- ) 6hat has been the progress and what are the remaining gaps in innovation and technological capabilities in developing countries;
- () 6hat are the e2periences in mobiliBing long-term capital re. uired to finance innovation; 6hat policies and regulator\* environments have helped incentivise investment into 7DD;

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7ecent I eneral \$ssembl\* resolutions provided further guidance on the thematic focus of the FfD Forum% including financial inclusion% illicit financial follows% international financial s\*stem and development% e2ternal debt sustainabilit\* and countries in special situations) 'n response% two e2pert discussions will focus on those particular issues that are not alread\* full\* covered in the 7ound Tables) 'n this conte2t% the first e2pert discussion is held in response to I eneral \$ssembl\* resolution [9''? ''](#) ( on @4romotion of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows in order to foster sustainable developmentA% in which &ember States decided to give appropriate consideration to this issue in the follow-up and review process to the \$ddis \$bba \$ction \$genda) The second e2pert discussion is held in response to I eneral \$ssembl\* resolution [9''? \(E](#) on @Follow-up to the Fourth +nited , ations Conference on the 3east Developed CountriesA and will pa\* particular attention to @adopting and implementing investment promotion regimes for the least developed countriesA) 't also responds to the re. uest of the Chair of \$OS'S in a letter dated E December !''= to the 4resident of ECOSOC) The format of the e2pert discussions will follow the modalities of the 7ound Tables)

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) What are the right policy measures at the national and international levels for attacking illicit financial flows (IFFs) at different stages, including the source (where the money is

\$ddis \$genda and to highlight the wa\*s in which non-institutional sta0eholders are supporting the implementation of the \$ddis \$genda)

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- ) 6 hat actions have non-institutional sta0eholders ta0en to promote the implementation of the \$ddis \$genda at the local% national and international levels;
- ) 6 here do these sta0eholders see gaps in the implementation of the \$ddis \$genda and what are their recommendations for corrective actions;
- () - ow can the / loba 4artnership for Sustainable Development better draw on the respective strengths of different sta0eholders% including civil societ\*% the business sector and local authorities;

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This session will provide an opportunit\* for &ember States to hear progress reports from intergovernmentall\* mandated fora of the Financing for Development process)  
The discussion will also provide for an interactive dialogue during which &ember States and other relevant sta0eholders are encouraged to report on the status of implementation of other voluntar\* initiatives on financing for development% in particular those that were announced on the margins of the Third 'nternational Conference on Financing for Development Conference)

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- " ) 6 hat progress has been made in the wor0 of the fora mandated b\* the \$ddis \$genda; 6 hat are the lessons learned and what are possible areas of improvement;
- ) - ow can the fora mandated b\* the \$ddis \$genda and other voluntar\* commitments and initiatives best promote the implementation of the \$ddis \$genda in the coming \*ears;
- ( ) - ow can initiatives launched in support of the \$ddis \$genda best complement each other<s ob0ectives; - ow can s\*nergies be promoted in their implementation;

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