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ROUNDTABLE 1. MOBILIZING DOMESTIC FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT

The Co-Chairmen, H.E. Mr. József Berényi, Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovakia, and H.E. Mr. John Wasielewski, Director, Office of Development Credit, USAID Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade (United States), opened the meeting and made introductory statements.

An interactive discussion ensued with the participation of the representatives of: Australia, Japan, Cambodia, Lithuania, Syrian Arab Republic, Canada, Switzerland and Mozambique; United Nations Development Fund for Women and United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; and African Business Roundtable, Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services, Center of Concern, African Development Programme and Sisters of Mercy.

The Co-Chairmen summarized the discussion of the roundtable.

ROUNDTABLE 2. MOBILIZING INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT: FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT AND OTHER PRIVATE FLOWS

The Co-Chairmen, H.E. The Honourable Baledzi Gaolathe, Minister of Finance and Development Planning of Botswana, and H.E. Mr. Datuk Mustapa Mohamed, Minister in the Prime Minister Department of Malaysia, opened the meeting.

An interactive discussion ensued with the participation of the representatives of: Peru, Senegal, Tunisia, Cuba, Turkey, Azerbaijan, United States, Hungary, Namibia, Tuvalu, South Africa and Serbia and Montenegro;International Organization for Migration and Asian Development Bank; United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, World Bank and United Nations Office of the High Representative for Least

ROUNDTABLE 5. EXTERNAL DEBT

The Co-Chairmen, H.E. Mr. Errol Cort, Minister of Finance and Economy of Antigua and Barbuda, and Mr. Frans Godts, Director, International Relations of Belgium, opened the meeting.

An interactive discussion ensued with the participation of the representatives of: Ghana, Mozambique, United States, Guinea, Switzerland, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Ireland and Japan; Organization of Islamic Conference; United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and World Bank; and Cuban Economists' Association, International Chamber of Commerce, Securities Industry Association, Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Norwegian Church Aid, Kenya Private Sector Alliance and Initiative for Policy Dialogue.

The Co-Chairman, H.E. Mr. Errol Cort, Minister of Finance and Economy of Antigua and Barbuda, summarized the discussion of the roundtable.

ROUNDTABLE 6. ADDRESSING SYSTEMIC ISSUES: ENHANCING THE COHERENCE AND CONSISTENCY OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY, FINANCIAL AND TRADING SYSTEMS IN SUPPORT OF DEVELOPMENT

The Co-Chairmen, H.E. Ms. Hilde Johnson, Minister of International Development of Norway, and H.E. Ms. Ana Hrastovi, Vice-Minister of Finance of Croatia, opened the meeting and made introductory statements.

An interactive discussion ensued with the participation of the representatives of: Indonesia, United States, Jamaica, Netherlands, Barbados, Finland, India, United Republic of Tanzania, Bahamas and South Africa; Commonwealth Secretariat; United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs, World Bank, International Monetary Fund and United Nations Development Programme; and Center of Concern, UBUNTU, Friedrich Ebert Foundation, WEDO and Millennium Development Campaign.

The Co-Chairperson, H.E. Ms. Hilde Johnson, Minister of International Development of Norway, summarized the discussion of the roundtable.