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Summary of meetings Tuesday, 13 September 2011

1073rd plenary meeting

Item 1 Election of officers

The Board elected two additional vice-presidents, namely H.E. Mr. Murad Najafbayli, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan, and Mr. Patrick Van Gheel of the Permanent Mission of Belgium.

- Item 4 Interdependence: Addressing trade and development challenges and opportunities after the global economic and financial crisis and
- Item 8 Development strategies in a globalized world: A new role for the government and fiscal policy

Mr. Heiner Flassbeck, Director of UNCTAD's Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, made an introductory statement on agenda items 4 and 8. This was followed by a statement by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD.

General statements

Statements were made by representatives of the following member States: Zimbabwe (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Russian Federation, Ghana (on behalf of the African Group), Thailand (on behalf of the Asian Group), El Salvador (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), China, Yemen, and Ethiopia. In addition, a statement was made by the representative of ESCAP.

1074th plenary meeting

Item 4 Interdependence: Addressing trade and development challenges and opportunities after the global economic and financial crisis

The Board continued its consideration of item 4 with a panel discussion. Presentations were made by Professor Michel Aglietta, University of Paris-Sorbonne, and by Mr. Sergio Chodos, Director, Central Bank of Argentina. These were followed by remarks by Mr. Heiner Flassbeck, Director, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD.

Next followed a highly interactive debate, with interventions by the representatives of the Dominican Republic, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, and OCAPROCE International, and the participation of the panellists. The President of the Board made concluding remarks.