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summits in the economic and social fields**

**Speaker: Statement by Indonesia on behalf
of the Group of 77 and China**

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Mr. President.

1. This is an agenda item of great importance for the Group of 77 and China. Indeed over the course of the past few years we have asked for improvements in the way in which this agenda item is treated. It is therefore disappointing that the program for today affords us a few scant minutes to consider this very important agenda item. We shall therefore make comments of a general nature.
2. We therefore express the hope once again that next year, we will have more time dedicated to this agenda item, and will have a true intergovernmental discussion on how UNCTAD as a whole – through its three pillars - can better contribute to the broader global discourse on development.

Mr. President.

3. We appreciate the secretariat's presentation under this agenda item. We appreciate the activities of the UNCTAD secretariat to contribute to the follow-up and implementation of the major UN conferences and summits on development.
4. We look forward next year to concrete ideas on how to further enhance this, especially in view of, inter alia, the process to develop and articulate sustainable development goals as an outcome of Rio plus 20, the follow-up to the UN conference on the world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development, the financing for development process, and perhaps most critically in terms of timing and opportunity of impact, the forthcoming MDG review in 2015. In so doing, we request the secretariat to present ideas on who to enhance the intergovernmental deliberations in UNCTAD in this regard, and how this can best contribute and collaborate with other institutions to the deliberations in the relevant forums in the UN.
5. We also call on the President of the Trade and Development Board to begin at the earliest possible opportunity consultations with member states on how UNCTAD through its three pillars can best contribute to the key events we highlighted as a Group in our general statement, namely the preparations for

the 50th anniversary of UNCTAD, as well as the process for UNCTAD to contribute to the MDG review in 2015.

6. Indeed, given the importance of these events, and the need to ensure that we have a focused and meaningful intergovernmental outcome, the President may wish to consider devoting several consultations of the president to these matters, and perhaps even convening a Special Session of the Trade and Development Board to place the preparations for UNCTAD's 50th anniversary, and the contributions of UNCTAD to 2015 on a firm footing.

Mr. President.

7. In closing allow me to emphasize that the Group of 77 and China believes that as we implement the Doha Mandate, we must do so conscious of the need to contribute to the broader discourse on development, to ensure that the full breadth and richness of the global development agenda is implemented. This requires not just adequate work by the secretariat, but the full engagement of the intergovernmental machinery.

Thank you Mr. President.