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TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Chair: Mr. Thomas Stelzer, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

Presentations by:

Mr. Jorge Familiar Calderón, Vice President and Corporate Secretary, World Bank Group, on the meeting of the Development Committee

Mr. Elliott C. Harris, Special Representative of the International Monetary Fund to the United Nations, on the meeting of the International Monetary and Financial Committee

Mr. Sudarshan Gooptu, Sector Manager, Economic Policy and Debt Department (PRMED), Poverty Reduction Economic Management Network (PREM), World Bank Group, on the world economic outlook


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Mr. Jorge Familiar Calderón has been the Vice President and Corporate Secretary of the World Bank Group since 2010 and has played a key role in facilitating and fostering cooperation and strategic dialogue between the Boards and the Bank Group Senior Management. Previously, he held position of the Chief Executive Officer of the Mexican Instituto del Fondo Nacional para el Consumo de los Trabajadores (Instituto FONACOT). From 2004 to 2008 he served on the World Bank’s Board as Executive Director and Alternate Executive Director for Mexico. As chairman of the Working Group on Governance, he led efforts to reform the Code of Conduct for Board Officials and develop a proposal to reform the internal governance of the World Bank Group. Mr. Familiar also published several articles on securities market’s regulation, corporate governance and other financial topics, lectured on finance at the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) and was a member of the Advisory Board of the Accounting and Strategic Finance Program at the same university. He holds degrees in accounting and finance from ITAM.

Mr. Elliott C. Harris has been the IMF’s Special Representative to the United Nations since 2008, in addition to serving as Assistant Director of the Strategy and Policy Review Department. In this capacity, in 2009 he was named Vice Chair of the High-Level Committee on Programs of the UN Chief Executives Board for Coordination. Mr. Harris joined the Fund in the Economist Program (EP) in 1988, and subsequently worked at the African and the Fiscal Affairs Departments. In 2000, Mr. Harris was named Chief of the West Africa II Division of the African Department, with responsibility for Benin, Côte d’Ivoire, Guinea and Togo. In 2002, he became an Advisor in the Policy Development and Review Department, responsible for low-income country issues, with particular focus on issues related to aid effectiveness, liaison with the UN system on the Millennium Development Goals and the Strategic Partnership with Africa. In 2007-2008 he headed the Development Issues Division, which in addition to these areas, also was responsible for the IMFs relations with the Development Committee. Mr. Harris holds degrees from the University of Miami, Georgetown University, as well as the Christian Albrechts University and the Institute of World Economics in Kiel.

Mr. Sudarshan Gooptu is the Sector Manager of the Economic Policy and Debt Department in the Poverty Reduction and Economic Management (PREM) Network of the World Bank. Mr. Gooptu joined the Bank in 1988. He has since held several positions in the Bank’s Africa and East Asia and Pacific Regional Vice-Presidencies (including a field assignment in Ethiopia), worked on debt and debt service reduction operations in the Co-financing and Financial Advisory Services Vice Presidency, and conducted policy research in the Development Economics Vice-Presidency in the areas such as debt and fiscal risk management, and capital flows to developing countries. Immediately prior to becoming the Sector Manager for his current Department in PREM in 2008, he was the Bank’s Lead Economist for China and Mongolia at its Headquarters in Washington, DC. Mr. Gooptu holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, U.S.A.

Ms. Carolina Sanchez is a Lead Economist in the Poverty Reduction Group in the Eastern Europe and Central Asia region at the World Bank and one of the main authors of the World Development Report 2012 on “Gender Equality and Development”. Ms. Sanchez joined the World Bank in 2000 as a Young Professional. Prior to her current assignment, she worked on operations, policy advice and analytical activities in Latin America and South Asia. Her main areas of interest and expertise include labor economics, poverty and distributional analysis, and welfare impacts of public policy. She has lead reports on poverty, labor markets and economic growth in several countries, as well as social sector operations. She has also published articles in refereed journals and edited books on the topics described above. Most of her work focuses on gender differences in labor market outcomes and gender in a globalized world, the distributional impacts of macroeconomic shocks and redistribution and the state. Ms. Sanchez holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard University.