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**Commission for Social Development
49th Session, 9-18 February 2011**

Informal briefing

The Chair of the forty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development, H.E. Mr. Jorge Valero (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela), will hold an informal briefing, for all interested delegations, on the programme of work of the forty-ninth session of the Commission, on **Wednesday, 19 January 2011**, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Forty-ninth Session

The forty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 9, to Friday, 18 February 2011. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 9 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2011/1 (<http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=E/CN.5/2011/1>). Further information on the forty-ninth and previous sessions of the Commission is available at www.un.org/esa/socdev/csocd/2011.html.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Radhika Padayachi, of the composition of their delegations (e-mail <mailto:padayachi39@un.org>; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4 (NLB), only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Wednesday, 2 February 2011*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

General discussion and list of speakers

General discussion under agenda item 3 (a) (Priority theme: poverty eradication) will begin on Wednesday, 9 February 2011, following the opening of the session. For further details please consult the programme of work in annex I to document E/CN.5/2011/1. The list of speakers will be opened on Monday, 24 January 2011. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Celia Syyp accordingly (e-mail syyap@un.org). Delegations are reminded that according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*. Delegates are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general

distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

Comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission can be found at <www.un.org/esocdev/ngocsocd/infonote2011.html>.

List of side events

A list of side events on the occasion of the forty-ninth session of the Commission can be consulted at <www.un.org/esocdev/csocd2011/side-events.pdf>.