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Round table 2:

"The impact of the current financial and economic crisis on foreign direct investment and other private flows, external debt and international trade" (Conference Room 2, TNLB)

Chair:

H.E. Ms. Olga Algayerova, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovakia

Panelists:

- **Mr. Heiner Flassbeck**, Director, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD
- Mr. Daniel Titelman, Director, Development Studies Division, UN-ECLAC

Biographical notes of panelists

Mr. Heiner Flassbeck is currently the Director of the Division on Globalization and Development Strategies of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. He is the principal author and the leader of the team preparing UNCTAD's Trade and Development Report, which is the flagship annual publication of UNCTAD covering both recent and longer term issues in the world economy, with particular emphasis on the implications for developing countries. He is also the author of many UNCTAD's Policy Briefs. Mr. Flassbeck is the Chairman of UNCTAD's Task Force on Systemic Issues and Economic Cooperation, which examines the causes of the current financial and economic crises as well as the related solutions. In addition, Mr. Flassbeck is the Coordinator of UNCTAD Global Network of Development Think Tanks, which brings together thinks tanks involved in policy making on development related issues.

Mr. Daniel Titelman is currently Chief of the Development Studies Division UN-ECLAC. Before that he was the Coordinator of the Special Studies Unit of the Executive Secretary at ECLAC, and expert on Monetary and Financial Policies. Mr Titelman has a long and substantive experience in Macroeconomic and Financial Issues and has published numerous papers on these subjects. He is currently the focal point for financing for development issues in ECLAC. He coordinates the joint ECLAC/GTZ Programme "Towards sustainable and equitable globalization", component 4(b): Social policy and access to financial services geared to the struggle against poverty (Financing). He was also the principal expert of the joint ECLAC/IDB project on "Public Banking and the Development of Productive Sector." He has provided technical assistance to various countries in the region on issues related to macroeconomic and financial policies, and social protections schemes.