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Round table 3:

“The role of financial and technical development cooperation, including innovative sources of development finance, in leveraging the mobilization of domestic and international financial resources for development”

(Conference Room 4, TNLB)

Chair:

H.E. Mr. João Gomes Cravinho, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Portugal

Panelists:

- **HRH Princess Maxima of the Netherlands**, Secretary-General’s Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development
- [Dr. Philippe Douste-Blazy](#), Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Innovative Financing for Development
- [Mr. Simon Scott](#), Head, Statistics and Monitoring Division, OECD

Biographical notes of panelists

Her Royal Highness Princess Máxima of the Netherlands was designated in 2009 by the Secretary-General as his Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development. In this capacity, Princess Máxima works with government leaders, financial regulators and supervisors, intergovernmental organizations, parliaments, civil society, the private sector and the media to raise awareness and foster action in inclusive finance. She aims to advance globally the broader agenda of inclusive finance that promotes universal access, at a reasonable cost, to a wide range of financial services for everyone needing them to help generate income, build assets, manage cash-flow, invest and protect against unexpected setbacks. The Princess advocates access for both individuals and small and medium-sized enterprises, which are often the engines of growth in local and national economies.

Mr. Philippe Douste-Blazy, is currently the United Nations Special Advisor on Innovative Finance for Development, with the rank of Under-Secretary-General. Mr. Douste-Blazy has spearheaded multiple initiatives for treating, fighting and eradicating malaria, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS. He serves as the Special Advisor to the United Nations High Level Taskforce on Innovative International Financing for Health Systems, which is co-chaired by Robert Zoellick, President of the World Bank and Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. Prior to working in the health policy area, Dr. Douste-Blazy was a practicing cardiologist and Professor of Medicine at Toulouse University in France. He has also held a number of ministerial positions with the government of France, including Minister of Health, Minister of Culture and Communication as well as Minister of Foreign Affairs, amongst others.

Mr. Simon Scott is Head of the Statistics and Monitoring Division of the OECD’s Development Co-operation Directorate. The task of this Division is to manage the DAC’s collection of international aid statistics. Mr. Scott, an Australian national, joined the Development Co-operation

Directorate in 1993. He previously worked as head of the migration and aid sections of Australia's diplomatic missions in Kenya and Malaysia. As Deputy Head of AusAID's statistical division he developed new statistical publications and analytical work. During a three year exchange to the Canadian International Development Agency, he co-managed the first multi-donor evaluation of UNICEF. At the OECD he has led work to improve the quality of aid reporting, managed the reform of the DAC List of Aid Recipients, and written analytical chapters of the annual Development Co-operation Report and of Peer Reviews of DAC members' aid programmes.