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Round table 1

“The impact of the world financial and economic crisis on the reform of the international monetary and financial system and its implications for development”

**7 October 2013, 3 - 6 p.m.
ECOSOC Chamber**

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Chair:

H.E. Mr. Samuel Moncada, Member of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing and Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations

3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Presentations by:

Mr. Rupert Thorne, Deputy Secretary General, Financial Stability Board, Bank of International Settlements, Basel

H.E. Mr. Eduardo Gálvez, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations, and Member of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing

Mr. Axel Bertuch-Samuels, Special Representative to the UN, Deputy Director, Strategy, Policy, and Review Department, International Monetary Fund

Ms. Yuefen Li, Head, Debt and Development Branch, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Mr. Manuel F. Montes, Senior Advisor on Finance and Development, The South Centre, Geneva

4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Interactive discussion

Biographical Notes

Rupert Thorne is the Deputy Secretary General, Financial Stability Board (FSB), Bank of International Settlements, Basel. He focuses on coordinating international policy initiatives to strengthen the financial system and promote consistent implementation of those policies across sectors and across countries. His work crosses a wide range of initiatives including policies to address systemically important financial institutions, OTC derivative market reforms, the reduction of reliance on credit rating agencies, the FSB's peer reviews of its membership and its initiative to improve adherence to international cooperation and information exchange standards globally. Before joining the FSB in 2005, Mr. Thorne worked for the IMF, in areas such as multilateral surveillance of advanced financial markets and debt management policy advice, including as a member of teams negotiating IMF programs in response to capital account crises in Turkey and Uruguay. Prior to that, he worked for the Bank of England. He holds an M.A. in mathematics from Cambridge University.

H.E. Mr. Eduardo Gálvez is the Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations and Member of the UN Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing. He has previously served as Director for Multilateral Affairs, and as Director for Planning in the Ministry of Foreign Relations. He also performed the functions of Chief of Staff to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister Counsellor at the Embassy of Chile to the US, Counsellor at the Directorate for Multilateral Economic Affairs, Counsellor (economic and development affairs) at the Chilean Mission to the UN, and Head of WTO Bureau at the Directorate for Multilateral Economic Affairs. Prior to that, he worked at the Chilean Embassies to France and to the United Kingdom. Mr. Gálvez obtained a Master of Science (International Relations) from the London School of Economics and Political Science after graduating from the Faculty of Law at the University of Chile and from the Foreign Service Programme at the University of Oxford.

Axel Bertuch-Samuels has held the positions of Deputy Director in the Strategy, Policy and Review Department of the IMF, and Special Representative of the IMF to the United Nations since May 2012. Mr. Bertuch-Samuels served as Deputy Director in the IMF Monetary and Capital Markets Department from 2004 to 2006. He held the position of Deputy Director in the IMF International Capital Markets Department from 2004 to 2006. His other positions at the IMF include: Special Advisor to the Managing Director and Alternate Executive Director in the IMF Executive Board. Mr. Bertuch-Samuels also worked for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development as Director and Head of the President's Office from 1998 to 2000. He was Director of the Economics and Financial Markets Department of the German Savings Banks and Giro Association from 1993 to 1998. Prior to this, he served as a Senior Advisor to the Deputy Minister and to the Minister of Finance of Germany.

Yuefen Li is Head of UNCTAD's Debt and Development Finance Branch and Manager of UNCTAD Project on Promoting Responsible Sovereign Lending and Borrowing. She is also a guest professor of Tsinghua University, and two other universities in China. Prior to that, she taught economics and economics related courses at the University of International Business & Economics in China. She has academic degrees from universities in China, the United Kingdom and the United States. She has published books, papers and articles in professional journals and newspapers, and contributed extensively to UNCTAD publications and documents. She has lectured widely on issues related to development strategies, debt and ODA.

Manuel F. Montes is a Senior Advisor on Finance and Development at the South Centre in Geneva. He was previously Chief of Development Strategies, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) where he led the team that produced the World Economic and Social Survey (WESS). Before that, he was Chief of Policy Analysis and Development in the UN's Financing for Development Office; UNDP Regional Programme Coordinator, Asia Pacific Trade and Investment Initiative based at the Regional Centre in Colombo, Sri Lanka; Programme Officer for International Economic Policy at the Ford Foundation in New York, 1999-2005; Senior Fellow and Coordinator for economics studies at the East-West Centre in Honolulu, 1989-1999; and Associate Professor of Economics at the University of The Philippines, 1981-1989. His recent publications have been in areas of macroeconomic policy, development strategy, income inequality, climate change financing and industrial policy. He holds a PhD in Economics from Stanford University.