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**by H.E. Mr. Yurii Bogaievskiy, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Brazil, Head of the Delegation of Ukraine, in the general debate of the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development**

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Mr. Chairperson,

The Delegation of Ukraine joins other delegations in expressing gratitude to the Government and people of Brazil for hosting this international forum.

In our view, this session of UNCTAD has a global significance, which is confirmed by a high level of representation.

This year we mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UNCTAD, the event reflecting the maturity of this organization, which continues to be an important mechanism within the UN system in helping many of the Member States to gain benefits from international trade to complement their national development policies. The practical life has proved that there's a direct interdependence between trade and development. It was true 40 years ago at the outset of UNCTAD, and it is even more acute today, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

As one of the UN founding members Ukraine has always supported UNCTAD in its efforts to serve as a forum for addressing issues on ways of developing the global and national economies, making the existing trade systems more efficient and more effective. In this respect, we would like to appreciate the efforts of UNCTAD and especially those of its present Secretary-General Mr. Rubens Ricuperro, the well respected Brazilian, in helping to create in the developing, as well as in the transition economies, including my country, Ukraine, the attractive environment for outside investments, clearing the ways for these nations in entering the global markets.

At the same time we, unfortunately, have to note, that despite these efforts, the gap between developing and developed countries continues to grow. The negative impacts of globalization, of which we speak so much, affect primarily the

development of the developing countries. In this sense, our delegation totally supports the conclusion of the President of Brazil that globalization, I quote, "cannot be seen as synonymous with development but rather as an instrument for economic growth, provided its benefits can be extended to all nations" (unquote). Disparities and imbalances in development and international trade, to which many of the distinguished speakers drew our attention, result in hunger, diseases, uncertainties, and poverty for millions. The acuteness of this situation has not changed.

Many people in the world, Mr. Chairperson, cherish the hope that this century will bring new changes and new visions both in the domestic and global policies in the international cooperation.

These hopes can become a reality only if the politicians, the governments, the international bodies and the private sector are guided by the desire to introduce new changes and new visions. We cannot afford to stick to the policies, approaches and principles that were useful and applicable 40-50 years ago. The search for new ways should be the dominating factor in today international life.

Intentions and assurances should be supported by action-oriented decisions, which should reflect the expectations of people.

"Where there's a will, there is a way", says the well-known proverb. We sincerely hope that UNCTAD will continue to be an active player in the efforts of the international community to build a better world for all, a world where the principles of equality and partnership will be the guidelines for all.

It is on the principles of mutual benefit and partnership that Ukraine, which marks in August 13 years of its independence, develops its relations, including the trade cooperation, with other countries of various regions of the world. So, as the UN Secretary-General stated on June 14, " Let us forge real partnerships for development."

I thank you, Mr. Chairperson, for this opportunity to present the views of our delegation.