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**Closing Remarks by  
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Trade and Development were unfortunately, once again, unsuccessful and the text was, in the end, voted upon. All delegations, nevertheless, showed a constructive spirit in the discussions and made huge efforts in order to find forward-looking and mutually acceptable solutions, whenever possible.

On LDCs issue, all partners agreed to work to a successful Fourth United

- We are all aware that millions of lives depend on the health of coral reefs and related ecosystems for the sustainable livelihoods, yet,

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this session of the Second Committee could make a difference and contribute to the improvement of the work of the Committee, which was graciously embraced by all Member States.

We have made the first important step in organizing our work. Let us not forget, however, that the purpose of adopting this decision on improving our working methods aimed at making the work of the Committee more effective and efficient. While it is important to work towards consensus, pass resolutions and stick to a schedule, it is even more important that the Committee serve to its real purpose of promoting productive dialogue around development issues. This includes serving as an incubator of ideas that help to inform international development policy. It also includes generating and distilling ideas and debates that contribute to the building up of new knowledge on multi-dimensional development issues and that move the development process forward. We hope that the guidance we agreed in conducting our debates will assist the Committee in delivering these functions.

Distinguished Colleagues,

At this session the Second Committee continued its unique tradition of holding side events on key issues and emerging challenges in development. These side events are of particular value: they inform our work and bring the Committee into contact with new and cutting edge thinking from leading figures in academia and development. They infuse the Committee with thinking from outside the UN and allow for addressing new and sometimes controversial issues in an open, interactive forum.

During this session we organized four side events on enhancing international support and the smooth transition of LDCs towards graduation; the follow-up to the outcome of the High-level Plenary Meeting relating to MDG1 and an introduction to the Multidimensional Poverty Index; examining the economic and other constraints faced by Small Island climate change; and addressing what should be the Rio+20 Summit. The active participation of delegations in these side events was greatly appreciated, and I wish to thank Member States for the resulting constructive discussions.

While the substantive work of the Second Committee concludes today, our work on economic and financial issues will continue, particularly in the lead-up to the key conferences ahead, such as the Fourth Conference on the Least ( )Jed Countries in Istanbul in Ma y 2011 and the United

Distinguished Delegates,

It gives me great pleasure now to extend my special thanks to my colleagues in the Bureau - distinguished Vice-chairpersons: Mr. Erik Lundberg (Finland), Mrs. Csilla Wurtz (Hungary), Mr. Jean Claudy Pierre (Haiti), and Rapporteur Mr. Paul Empole (Democratic Republic of the Congo) for their commitment, intimate involvement in the relevant cluster-related consultations and tireless efforts to ensure that the Committee would deliver on its expected substantive outcomes.

May I also take the opportunity to thank the relevant United Nations entities for their contributions, including the presentations made to the Committee this year. In acknowledging the substantive efforts of many, may I also recognize and thank Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, and his team, in particular, Mr. Nikhil Seth, Director of the Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, and his colleagues, including Mr. Neil Pierre and Ms. Chikako Takase.

I would further like to extend my thanks and that of the Bureau to Mr. Shaaban Muhammad Shaaban, Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management, and all the DGACM staff who have supported our efforts to ensure the completion of the work of the Second Committee.

It is important to acknowledge, as well, the invaluable efforts of many U.N. staff members – some who we see and others with whom delegations may not come into contact with – who have facilitated our work (such as the interpreters, conference officers, sound engineers, documentation officers, and the other staff in meetings management who assisted in securing rooms for the numerous informal consultations). May I also express our gratitude to the Programme Planning and Budget Division for all their efforts throughout the work of the Second Committee.

Finally, may I recognize the tireless efforts of the Second Committee team - our competent Secretary Mrs. Jennifer de Laurentis and her topnotch team. We could not have concluded the work of the Second Committee without such support.

I thank you all for your contributions to this Committee and extend my best wishes for the upcoming festive season.

Thank you for your attention.