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### Key points of the statement by

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- Multifold global crisis has resulted in a sharp decrease of capital flows to the developing countries and put in jeopardy the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.
- Belarus highly commends the work of ECOSOC in such environment and considers it necessary to continue to **strengthen the Council's role in enhancement of efficiency of the UN institutions, funds, programmes, and related organisations**. A particular emphasis in this work should be placed on securing system-wide conditions to encourage equitable international trade as well as on consultative and technical assistance to developing and middle-income countries.
- The main objective for ECOSOC in the sphere of **financing for development** should be the implementation of the outcome documents of the UN Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and its Impact on Development held in June 2009 and the Doha Conference on Financing for Development of December 2008. Belarus welcomes the establishment of an ad hoc open-ended working group of the General Assembly to follow up on the issues of financial and economic crisis impact on development and is ready to contribute to its activities.
- We welcome the decisions to increase considerably the IMF and World Bank financial resources for expanded lending to needy countries. We support the proposals aimed at **developing new lending mechanisms** to provide effective assistance to countries facing financial problems, including middle-income countries.
- Adoption by ECOSOC of **new forms of partnership** between the UN and other organisations opens up additional possibilities for enhancement of efficiency of international efforts. The practice of high-level meetings with the participation of IMF, the World Bank, WTO and UNCTAD should be continued.
- The delegation of Belarus proposes to make a decision at the UN 2010 Summit on a **mechanism or plan of close cooperation of Member-States to overcome global challenges**. Negotiations on such a plan could start in nearest months after the submission by the Member States of proposals on its substance. Belarus calls on ECOSOC to take an active part in this work.