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 SUMMARY: GENERAL DEBATE IN THE 54TH UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONTINUED ON SEPTEMBER 30 WITH ADDRESSES BY THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES (IN ORDER): BELIZE, QATAR, MAURITIUS, CONGO, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, ECUADOR AND BARBADOS. SPEECH SUMMARIES ARE PROVIDED BELOW. MISSION WILL FORWARD FULL SPEECH TEXTS TO DEPARTMENT (10/UNP) VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS ON 10/01. END SUMMARY.

### BELIZE

2. PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE MUSA SPOKE EXTENSIVELY ON THE INEQUALITIES AND BARRIERS TO ACCESS CREATED BY GLOBALIZATION OF MARKETS. HE COMMENTED THAT

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS "ARE DOMINATED BY A FEW RICH AND POWERFUL COUNTRIES, AND THERE IS NO TRANSPARENCY, NO ACCOUNTABILITY, NO EFFECTIVE MECHANISM FOR CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION - IN SHORT, NO GOOD GOVERNANCE." HE CALLED FOR REFORM OF THE UN, STRENGTHENED REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, "FAIR RULES FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT," AND FOLLOW THROUGH ON PLEDGES OF ASSISTANCE.

### **QATAR**

3. FM AL-THANI URGED RESTRICTION AND REGULATION OF THE VETO. HE URGED THE UN TO PLAY A STRONGER ROLE IN MANAGING SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION. HE CALLED FOR A LIFTING OF SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAQ AND ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM SYRIA AND LEBANON.

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4. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PURRYAG CALLED FOR EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL. HE SAID THAT GLOBALIZATION REQUIRES "HIGHER LEVELS OF INVESTMENT; TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER; INSTITUTIONAL, HUMAN RESOURCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE CAPACITY BUILDING". HE URGED THE U.S. TO PASS THE AFRICA GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY BILL WITH ITS ORIGINAL PROVISIONS ON TEXTILE AND CLOTHING. FINALLY HE STATED, "MAURITIUS HAS REPEATEDLY ASKED FOR THE RETURN OF THE CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO, INCLUDING DIEGO GARCIA ON WHICH A U.S. MILITARY BASE HAS BEEN BUILT, AND THEREBY THE RESTORATION OF ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY."

#### CONGO

5. FM ADADA SPOKE OF CONFLICTS IN AFRICA. HE CALLED FOR CONTROL OF SMALL ARMS, NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND A RESTRUCTURING OF THE PRIMARY ORGANS OF THE UN.

## SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

6. FOREIGN MINISTER AL-SHARA' SAID THAT THE NEW MILLENNIUM WILL NOT NECESSARILY MARK THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA IN THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY AS REGIONAL CONFLICTS AND DEBT BURDENS LOOK LIKELY TO CARRY OVER INTO THE NEXT CENTURY. HE SAID THAT IN OUR ERA, "THE POOR ARE BECOMING POORER AND THE RICHER ARE BECOMING RICHER." HE ATTRIBUTED THE "UNITED STATES' INTEREST IN THE WORLD'S MANY REGIONAL CONFLICTS" TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF ETHNIC GROUPS REPRESENTED IN ITS DOMESTIC POPULATION, AS WELL AS TO ITS OWN STRATEGIC AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS. HE SAID

THAT ISRAEL'S AGREEMENT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE GOLAN HEIGHTS IN UNCLASSIFIED

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EXCHANGE FOR PEACE WITH SYRIA IS A "PRECONDITION" TO SYRIA'S REENTERING PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL. HE SAID THAT ISRAEL NEEDS TO CREATE A "CULTURE OF PEACE" BY AGREEING TO WITHDRAW FROM ALL TERRITORIES OCCUPIED SINCE 1967, INCLUDING SOUTHERN LEBANON. HE CALLED FOR A LIFTING OF SANCTIONS TO END THE SUFFERING OF THE IRAQI PEOPLE, AND FOR IRAQ'S COMPLIANCE WITH ALL REMAINING SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS.

# REPUBLIC OF KOREA

7. FOREIGN MINISTER HONG SOON-YOUNG CALLED CHANGE "THE DEFINING CHARACTER OF OUR TIMES." HE NOTED WITH REGRET THE CONTINUED CONFRONTATION ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, DESPITE THE END OF THE COLD WAR, LEAVING THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH "FROZEN IN AN ICY TIME WARP". HE SAID THAT THE PEOPLE OF NORTH KOREA'S "RIGHT TO FOOD AND LIFE IS IRREVOCABLY IMPAIRED," BUT HE WAS NONETHELESS ENCOURAGED BY THE "MEANINGFUL AND UNPRECEDENTED OPENINGS" BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE LAST YEAR. HE SAID THAT NOTWITHSTANDING ITS LOSSES FROM THE ASIAN ECONOMIC CRISIS OF 1997, KOREA ANTICIPATES ECONOMIC GROWTH OF 6& THIS YEAR. HE URGED NORTH KOREA TO FULFILL ALL OF ITS OBLIGATIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY ASSOCIATION (IAEA).

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### ECUADOR

8. FOREIGN MINISTER BRENNAN DESCRIBED WITH SATISFACTION THE PEACEFUL OUTCOME REACHED IN THE CASE OF ECUADOR-PERU BORDER DISPUTE IN 1998. HE PLEDGED THAT SPECIAL ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN TO HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE BORDER AREAS. HE SAID THAT ECUADOR IS COMMITTED TO RESOLVING DISPUTES PEACEFULLY AND PLEDGED SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT PASTRANA'S EFFORTS TO END THE CONFLICT WITH REBELS IN COLOMBIA.

### BARBADOS

9. FOREIGN MINISTER MILLER SAID THAT GLOBALIZATION, WHICH WAS SUPPOSED TO BRING ABOUT TRADE LIBERALIZATION AND WORLD GOVERNANCE, HAS RATHER BEEN AN "IMPOSITION" TO MANY COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. SHE CAUTIONED THAT "FREE TRADE MUST IMPART FAIR TRADE," AND NOTED THAT THE CARIBBEAN REGION USED TO ENJOY THE BEST TRADE PREFERENCES IN THE WORLD WITH EUROPE. SHE CALLED THE CONTINUED U.S. EMBARGO AGAINST CUBA "ANACHRONISTIC" AND SAID THAT MILITARY INTERVENTION CAN ONLY AUTHORIZED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL. FOUR YEARS AFTER THE COPENHAGEN SUMMIT ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, SHE SAID, THERE HAS BEEN A REVERSAL OF GAINS MADE IN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

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