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on Tuesday, 10 July 2007, at 7.30 p.m.

President: Mr. ČEKOULIS (Lithuania)

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The meeting was called to order at 7.45 p.m.

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Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration (continued)

The PRESIDENT announced that the text of the draft Ministerial Declaration had been agreed, and had been distributed among all Members of the Council in a document without a symbol. He drew attention to two minor drafting changes to be made to the text, and said that in the absence of any comments he took it that the draft text could be adopted.

The draft Ministerial Declaration was adopted.

Closure of the high-level segment

Mr. AKRAM (Pakistan), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, supported by Mr. MILLER (United States of America), said that he welcomed the adoption of the Ministerial Declaration by consensus as a positive conclusion to the work of the Council's high-level segment. The Declaration was the result of negotiations that had demonstrated the Members' patience and willingness to compromise. He suggested that in future sessions, Ministerial Declarations should focus on the issues at the centre of the high-level segment agenda.

Mr. ESTEVES (Portugal), speaking on behalf of the European Union, welcomed the achievements of the reformed Council, in particular the positive dialogues that had been held in the context of the Annual Ministerial Review and the Development Cooperation Forum, and commended the participatory nature of the meetings.

Mr. FERRER RODRIGUEZ (Cuba) said that, while he welcomed the adoption of the Ministerial Declaration and appreciated the efforts of all those who had participated in the drafting process, he regretted that the negotiations had been slowed down by the resistance of developed countries to proposals made by the Group of 77. He hoped that the Declaration would be implemented, since many such documents had been adopted in the past and not been translated into action.

The PRESIDENT declared the high-level segment closed.

The meeting rose at 8 p.m.