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In the absence of Mr. Koterec (Slovakia), Mr. de Alba (Mexico), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

Development Cooperation Forum *(continued)*

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Where should development cooperation go and how can it unlock other resources?

A panel discussion on the topic “Can development cooperation be made more equitable, efficient and strategic?”, chaired by Mr. Luis-Alfonso de Alba (Mexico), Vice-President of the Council, and moderated by Ms. Helen Clark (Administrator, United Nations Development Programme; Chair, United Nations Development Group), was held. The moderator introduced the panellists: Mr. Somchith Inthamith (Deputy Minister of Planning and Investment, Lao People’s Democratic Republic); Mr. Jon Lomøy (Director, Development Cooperation Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development); and Ms. Lydia Alpízar Durán (Executive Director, Association for Women’s Rights in Development). The panellists made statements and an interactive dialogue, in which the representatives of Argentina and the Dominican Republic and the observers for Cape Verde, Nepal, the International Presentation Association of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, as well as representatives of the European Commission, the Belgian Parliament, the New Zealand Aid Programme, the United States Agency for International Development and the African Monitor, participated, ensued. The panellists responded to questions and comments and the moderator made concluding remarks.

The meeting rose at 4.45 p.m.