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High-Level Dialogue on Globalisation

The United Nations General Assembly held a high-level dialogue on globalisation from 20-21 September, 2001 at UN Headquarters in New York.

The themes were “*Promoting the integration of developing countries into the world economy and generating new public and private financing resources to complement development efforts*” and “*Enhancing the integration of developing countries in the emerging global information network, facilitating access to information and communication technology for developing countries.*”

During the general discussion, participants sought to contribute to the implementation of the UN Agenda for Development and other relevant intergovernmental processes. General Assembly President Han Seung-soo (Republic of Korea), in summarising the debate, commented on the main points raised. He stressed:

- the importance of “humanising” globalisation to assist developing countries to integrate smoothly into the

world economy by opening world markets and generating new flows of financing for development;

- creating a favourable international economic environment for mobilising financial resources;
- improving governance at the national level and creating an environment conducive to investment; and
- promoting the role of information technology in economic and social development.



He also supported narrowing the digital divide as a priority requiring bold policies for development of human resources and the institutional capacity to manage the changes. (MJ)

