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REMARKS BY THE EUROPEAN UNION

Mr President,

The European Union is a staunch promoter of effective multilateralism and a firm believer in the fundamental role of the UN system in global governance, The EU therefore welcomes this thematic debate as an opportunity to deepen the reflection on the ways the UN can play a more effective role in managing global challenges,

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of new key players, increased regional,
South-South and triangular cooperation, innovative mechanisms, as well as a greater role of the private sector and civil society:

- The most dynamic emerging economies have become leading economic actors and development partners, They are now key "anchors" of the world recovery, stability; crisis prevention and resolution, as well as global sustainable development

- In addition to informal and flexible country groups, notably the 020 which is a good reflection ofthe world's new balance, regional organizations have consolidated and new structures emerged in Asia, Africa and Latin America,

- Non-State actors too have gained greater relevance"

As a result, the global governance of economic relations is much more fragmented, plural and disaggregated than the usual intergovernmental discourse within the UN suggests, More coherence and cooperation at the global level amongst all key actors has become crucial to increasing UN effectiveness and to making the best possible use of the comparative advantages and complementarity ofglobal actors,

The EU's view is that we need to identifY ways to enhance the UN's central role in areas of its competence: the broad development agenda, which encompasses all dimensions of sustainable development;