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Thank you very much, Chairman.

I very much appreciate the excellent work that you have provided. I want to thank again Minister Carstens, the Chair of the Development Committee, for his fine leadership role and his willingness to be flexible in structuring the meetings so that we could have a fuller discussion.

I know that many people worked extremely long hours for many days, weeks, and months in advance to help prepare this meeting. They did a very excellent job. They had a smoothly run session.

I also want to thank the officials of Washington, D.C., for letting us extend the session another day. I think that was very, very helpful.

I'm sorry that I won't have a chance to mention all, but I do want to thank the staffs of the Bank and the Fund for the preparation that they put into this, particularly for a new President it's very helpful. And in particular, the staffs of the Bank-Fund Conferences Unit, who turned in a superb performance led by Neena Sachdev, who has guided the unit to deal with a host of challenges, some of which we know and many of which we'll probably never be aware.

I also want to thank our two Corporate Secretaries, Paati Ofosu-Amaah and Shail Anjaria, who were skillful in steering both the preparations and the meetings themselves. And also the security staff and the general services personnel who have always taken excellent care in making sure that needs were supplied with great sensitivity and attention.

And finally, I want to thank the translators who have the challenge of trying to cope with fast speakers, long sentences, awkward phrasing. And I find it exceptionally wise to thank you because you never know, in the next meeting, where I may need to rely on you to straighten out some of my comments. So I appreciate it.

Thank you.