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**GENEVA, SWITZERLAND
12 November 2003**

VENUE:	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development Palais des Nations, Building E (Door 40), Conference Room XX
SECURITY BADGE:	At the villa Les Feuillantines
REGISTRATION:	From 9H00 to 10H00 at the entrance of the Conference Room
INTERPRETATION:	In Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish

Provisional Agenda

Morning session (10H00 – 13H00)

- 10h00 Opening statement by Mr. Sergio Gonzales Edeza, President of WADMO and Treasurer of the Philippines
- 10h15 Panel on Basel II – Its implications on lending to developing countries
- 12h30 Adoption of the agenda for the afternoon session

Afternoon session (15H00 – 18H00)

- 15h00 Presentation of the biennial and financial report
- 15h20 Discussion: How can WADMO make a difference in the future?
- 16h20 Election of the President, vice-presidents and other Steering Committee members
- 17h20 Other matters

PANEL ON BASEL II ITS IMPLICATIONS ON LENDING TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The Basel Committee on banking supervision has proposed a new capital accord with the aim of more accurately aligning regulatory capital with the risks that international banks face. But the agreement could have precisely the opposite effect when it comes to developing and emerging countries.

What are the major elements of Basel II? What are the key issues for developing and emerging countries? How are these countries represented in the Basel Committee and to which extent their concerns have been addressed in the Third Consultative Paper? What impact the accord will have on the cost of international bank lending to developing countries? All these and other issues will be addressed during that panel.

Panel chaired by: Mr. Sergio Edeza
Treasurer of the Philippines
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