



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

29 March 2009

Excellency,

Kindly recall that in its resolution 63/239 of 24 December 2009, the General Assembly reaffirmed the decision of Member States in the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development of 2 December 2008 that:

“The United Nations will hold a conference at the highest level on the world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development. The conference will be organized by the President of the General Assembly and the modalities for the conference will be defined no later than March 2009 at the latest.”

In order to help enable the General Assembly to comply with the requirements of its resolution 63/239, I have appointed two facilitators, H.E. Camillo Gonsalves of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and H.E. Frank Majoor of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, to continue the excellent work of H.E. Kaire Mbuende of the Republic of Namibia in preparing the modalities resolution and in leading the Member States in the preparations for the conference. The Facilitators have now presented to me a revised draft text that, I understand, largely consists of language that was agreed prior to and during Friday’s informal consultations, and which also incorporates wording on outstanding topics proposed by the Facilitators. I am pleased to enclose the Facilitator’s proposed text for your reference.

I now have the honour to inform you that I will convene the General Assembly at 3:00 pm on Tuesday afternoon, 31 March 2009, for formal consideration of the enclosed Facilitator’s draft resolution on modalities for the United Nations Conference.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Miguel d’Escoto Brockmann

All Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers
to the United Nations