



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

20 August 2009

Excellency,

Kindly recall that on Friday, 31 July 2009 the General Assembly decided, by resolution 63/305, to establish immediately an ad hoc open-ended working group of the General Assembly to follow-up on the issues contained in the Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development.

I am delighted to inform you that H.E. Mr. Lazarous Kapambwe, Permanent Representative of Zambia and H.E. Mr. Morten Wetland, Permanent Representative of Norway have agreed to serve as Co-chairs of the ad hoc Open-ended Working Group.

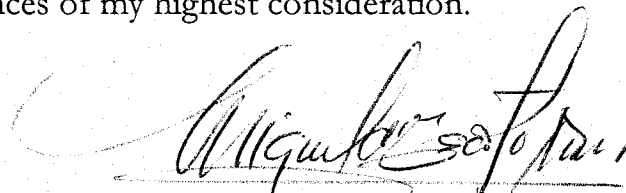
I am also pleased to inform you that prior to selecting Ambassadors Kapambwe and Wetland, I consulted with and received the concurrence of H.E. Mr. Ali Treki, President-elect of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

Consultations with the Member States to determine priorities and schedule will take place at the first meeting of the working group as soon as possible.

I hope you will join President-elect Treki and me in congratulating Ambassadors Kapambwe and Wetland on this important and challenging assignment.

We trust that they will be able to count on your full confidence and support in the coming months as the General Assembly continues its urgent initiative to build global consensus for addressing the issues identified in the Outcome of the United Nations' historic June 2009 Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development.

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



Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann

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Permanent Observers to the
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