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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

With regard to the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to be held on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, please find attached a revised and enlarged programme.

This supersedes the programme that was sent attached to our letter of 4 December 2008.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norman Miranda', with a horizontal line underneath.

Norman Miranda  
Ambassador  
Chef de Cabinet

All Permanent Representatives  
and Permanent Observers  
to the United Nations

**Commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the  
Universal Declaration of Human Rights**

**Wednesday, 10 December 2008, United Nations Headquarters, New York**

**Tentative programme**

**9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Trusteeship Council Chamber)**

Panel I Theme: Sixty years after the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights:  
lessons learned

Moderator: Ms. Julia Dolly Joiner (Gambia)

Panelists: Ms. Carolyn Gomes (Jamaica)  
Ms. Mary Robinson (Ireland)  
Mr. Denis Mukwege (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

**11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Trusteeship Council Chamber)**

Panel II Theme: The full implementation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights:  
challenges ahead and ways forward

Moderator: Mr. Eduardo González (Perú)

Panelists: Ms. Maude Barlow (Canada)  
Ms. Lauri Mälksoo (Estonia)  
Mr. Ghassan Salame (Lebanon)

**3 to 6 p.m. (General Assembly Hall)**

Plenary meeting Opening statement by the President of the General Assembly  
Message of the Secretary-General of the United Nations  
Statements by: President of the Human Rights Council  
United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights  
Adoption of the draft declaration  
Presentation of the Human Rights Awards (7 recipients)

Plenary meeting is suspended<sup>1</sup>

Plenary meeting is resumed

Statements by: Chairs of the five Regional Groups, African Union,  
Group of Arab States, Non-Aligned Movement (NAM),  
and Host Country

Conclusion of the Commemoration

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<sup>1</sup> Another plenary meeting will be held to take action on the recommendation contained in the report of the Third Committee (document A/63/435) regarding the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

## **Side Events**

Presentation of the film "Flow" at 5pm in the Dag Hammarskjöld auditorium, with the participation of Ms. Maude Barlow, the President's Senior Advisor on Water Issues and Ms. Irene Salina, Director of the film, with the presence of the President of the General Assembly, His Excellency Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann.