



Statement attributable to the Spokesperson of the President of the General Assembly

United Nations, New York 22 May 2009 – The President of the General Assembly, Miguel d’Escoto Brockmann, has decided to convene a plenary session of the Assembly on Tuesday, 26 May to decide whether the United Nations Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development will be held from 24 to 26 June 2009 instead of 1 to 3 June as originally planned.

Delegates have expressed concern that they require more time to negotiate the draft outcome document that is to be adopted by world leaders. President d’Escoto, the organizer of the three-day summit, consulted with all major regional groups in recent days on the proposed three-week deferral.

The General Assembly met informally this evening, but failed to reach consensus on the delay. The European Group requested further consultations before it could accept the proposed delay supported by other regional groups.

“The issues are complex, but I am confident that we will negotiate a strong outcome document that will address the needs and concerns of the developing countries as well as the industrialized countries,” the Assembly President declared. “We share the determination to address the urgent needs that this economic crisis has generated worldwide.”