



**STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY
ON THE SITUATION IN HONDURAS**

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The President of the United Nations General Assembly, Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, clearly and strongly condemns the attempted coup d'état that is currently unfolding against the democratically elected government of President Manuel Zelaya of Honduras.

D'Escoto, who has been informed by the Permanent Representative of Honduras to the United Nations, Ambassador Jorge Arturo Reina Idiaquez, regarding the serious threat to democratic rule in Honduras, expresses his deep concern and hope that the rule of law is respected. He also appeals to the different parties to resolve their differences through peaceful dialogue.

The Permanent Representative of Honduras reported to President d'Escoto that the coup is an attempt to circumvent a plebiscite aimed to enhance the right to free elections. The General Assembly President is closely following the developments and hopes that constitutional democratic rule prevails.