



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

New York, 9 April. The President of the United Nations General Assembly Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann wishes to express his solidarity and support for the President of Bolivia, Evo Morales, who has just begun a hunger strike that will last until the Bolivian Congress approves legislation that authorizes greater representation to the poorer sectors of Bolivian society.

President d'Escoto underscored his support for the Bolivian President while meeting with his cabinet in New York to prepare for the next summit of Heads of State and Government. Earlier this week, the General Assembly decided to convene the UN Conference on the Economic and Financial Crisis and Its Impact on Development to address the global economic crisis from 1 – 3 June at UN Headquarters. The summit will address the global crisis as well as explore proposals for establishing a new international financial architecture.

“During these important holidays marking Holy Week, our prayers are with President Morales and his unwavering commitment with the poor citizens of his country,” d'Escoto declared.