



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

6 July 2009

Excellency,

Following the requests of a broad range of Member States, and in cooperation with the UN Secretary-General Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, I have the honour to inform you that I am scheduling the discussion on the subject of the Responsibility to Protect for Thursday, 23 July 2009.

In the morning of 23 July, I will be convening an informal General Assembly thematic dialogue at United Nations Headquarters, New York. The morning's interactive dialogue will consist of an introductory segment, followed by a panel bringing together key voices in the international debate on responsibility to protect.

In the afternoon, I will be convening a plenary meeting of the General Assembly to consider the matter under agenda items 44 entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields" and 107 entitled "Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit".

The thematic dialogue will serve as a prelude to the formal discussion in plenary. Please note that a brief concept note to facilitate the interactive dialogue, together with a draft programme containing biographical information on the invited speakers will be submitted in due course.

Due to prior travel commitments, the Secretary-General will not be able to participate in the proceedings on 23 July. For this reason, I have invited the Secretary-General to present his report on the Implementation of Responsibility to Protect (A/63/677) to the Membership on Tuesday, 21 July, at a time and venue to be confirmed.

I look forward to your cooperation and personal participation on both the 21st and 23rd of July.

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

Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann

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