Statement of H.E. Mr. Ali Abdussalam Treki,
President of the 64th Session of the General Assembly,
On the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to President Barack Obama

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

The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Dr. Ali Abdussalam Treki warmly congratulates the President of the United States of America, H.E. Mr. Barack Obama on winning today the Nobel Peace Prize for 2009.

The President of the General Assembly commends the Nobel Committee for recognizing in President Obama a champion for peace, multilateralism, and dialogue among all civilizations. Awarding the Nobel Peace Prize to the President of a Member State of the United Nations General Assembly will encourage global efforts that President Obama is firmly committed to in addressing today's and tomorrow's challenges, whether on international peace and security, climate change, nuclear disarmament, development and human rights.

The President of the General Assembly looks forward to further strengthening his bilateral interaction with President Obama, a key actor in the process for building a better and safer world for all humankind.