

19 September 2010

**Statement of H.E. Mr. Joseph Deiss,
President of the 65th Session of the General Assembly,
on Madagascar**

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

The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Joseph Deiss had over the past two days consultations regarding the proceedings of the High-Level Meeting on the United Nations Millennium Goals. President Deiss met separately and thereafter jointly with representatives of Member States from the Southern African Development Community (SADC), the African Union (AU) as well as with H.E. Mr. Hippolyte Ramaroson, Foreign Minister of Madagascar accompanied by H.E. Mr. Zina Andrianarivelo-Razafy, Permanent Representative of Madagascar to the United Nations

The President of the General Assembly acknowledges the decision of the Republic of Madagascar, taken on a voluntary and sovereign basis, and communicated to him on 22 September 2010, not to take the floor at the High-Level Meeting on the United Nations Millennium Goals.

The President of the General Assembly wishes to express his appreciation to all African Member States, including Madagascar, for their support to the objective of achieving the Millennium Development Goals and the wider objective of reducing poverty, including on the African continent.