



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

18 February 2009

Excellency,

I have received a letter from the United Nations Secretary-General informing of his intention to organize a High-level event on Climate Change in September 2009. The initial target date was Monday, 21 September 2009 which is a United Nations holiday.

The Secretary-General has therefore asked that the general debate of the sixty-fourth session of the Assembly start on Wednesday, 23 September 2009 in order to allow the High-level event on Climate Change to be held on Tuesday, 22 September 2009.

As your Excellency will also recall, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 63/91 of 5 December 2008, the Assembly decided to convene a High-level meeting on 1 October 2009 to commemorate the work of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of its establishment.

I informed Member States at the meeting of the General Committee today, that I have supported the proposal of the Secretary-General.

I am therefore circulating the attached draft decision proposing that the general debate at the sixty-fourth session be held from Wednesday, 23 September to Saturday, 26 September and from Monday, 28 September to Wednesday, 30 September 2009. The Assembly is scheduled to take action on the decision on Friday, 20 February 2009.

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

Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann

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and Permanent Observers  
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## Sixty-third session

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### General debate

**Draft decision submitted by the President of the General Assembly**

### **General debate of the sixty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 51/241 of 31 July 1997, in particular paragraphs 19 and 20 (a) of the annex thereto, and 57/301 of 13 March 2003, in particular operative paragraph 2 thereof,

*Decides* that the general debate for the sixty-fourth session shall be held from Wednesday, 23 September, to Saturday, 26 September, and from Monday, 28 September, to Wednesday, 30 September, and that these arrangements shall in no way create a precedent for future sessions.

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