



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2 April 2009

Excellency,

In follow up to my earlier letter of 26 March, I have the honour of submitting for your Excellency's information a brief description of the format and panels for the upcoming "Interactive Thematic Dialogue on the Global Food Crisis and the Right to Food" to be held here at United Nations headquarters in the Trusteeship Council Chamber on Monday, 6 April 2009.

The various panels will afford a unique opportunity to Members States to engage diverse actors and stakeholders in an open, collaborative and constructive dialogue. By bringing together an array of practitioners and specialists, delegations will have access to newly emerging trends and knowledge, grounded in comparative research in science and technology, emerging human rights law, and real life application in a variety of contexts and settings.

I am confident that the day's proceedings will prove instrumental in moving forward consideration by the General Assembly of key issues relating to the global food crisis, food aid, and agricultural policy discussions. Moreover, I hope the day's proceedings will contribute to a broader shared understanding of the added value that a rights-based approach, one that is grounded in the human right to adequate food, can offer to Member States and the international community in the formulation of viable and strategic responses to the food crisis and the eradication of world hunger in our lifetime.

Lastly, I wish to emphasize the open and interactive character of the day's proceedings. Delegations are kindly asked to refrain from reading prepared statements and invited to engage the speakers and fellow colleagues. Member States that wish to submit in writing prepared statements for distribution are welcome to do so. The views expressed in the prepared statements will be reflected in the final summary and the complete text will be posted on the President's website.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann

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