



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

Following the fruitful discussions which took place during the Interactive Thematic Dialogue on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and its Impact on Development, held from 25 to 27 March 2009, an overwhelming number of delegates underscored the need to focus on a people centered response to the crisis, including attention to its impact on jobs and livelihoods. The International Labour Organization presented figures indicating that unemployment could rise to 50 million persons in 2009 possibly pushing some 200 million persons back into poverty.

Against this backdrop, I am pleased to inform you that on 21 April 2009, the General Assembly will conduct a Interactive Thematic Dialogue on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development - The Jobs Crisis: Policy Responses and Practical Lessons.

The aim of this meeting is to facilitate a more focused discussion on the human dimension of the crisis and provide Member States with complimentary and timely inputs to consider in the run-up to the High-level Conference in June. This meeting will continue to forge the political will and technical support needed to make informed decisions on concrete responses to the crisis for a more prosperous global economy.

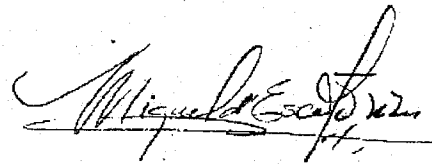
The meeting will provide an opportunity to share knowledge on the social dimension of the world financial and economic crisis. It will discuss the scope of the employment and labour market impacts through expert views and inputs and it will address essential policy tools such as effective job retention, job creation, social protection systems; employment and sectoral programmes; and coherence among economic and social policies.

All Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers
to the United Nations

It is my hope that this meeting will provide a clear idea of the complementarities which the United Nations System is providing to its constituents, particularly in times of crisis. In the coming days, I will be circulating a concept note for the meeting along with a detailed programme to help you prepare and begin to formulate your interventions.

I look forward to your cooperation and personal participation.

Please accept Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann', written over a horizontal line.

Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann