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Excellency,

Reference is made to the United Nations Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development, scheduled to be held from 1 to 3 June 2009 in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 63/239 of 24 December 2008 and 63/277 of 7 April 2009.

You will kindly recall that in the letter of the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann of 1 April of this year, he alerted Member States about a number of important meetings taking place in other parts of the world around that time and would be attended by a large number of Heads of State and Government.

In the past few days, many representatives have called upon the President to request a brief deferral to 24 to 26 June 2009 to convene this important Conference, in order to facilitate the participation of their Governments at the highest level. Furthermore, the facilitators have informed the President that the intergovernmental negotiations are proving to be most challenging.

To ensure that the Conference can take full advantage of this historic and unique opportunity for the Member States and the United Nations system as a whole to address the dire and critical financial and economic situation of the world and its impact on development, especially on the developing countries, as well as to forge a common and lasting solution in the form of a meaningful outcome to be adopted by Heads of State and Government, *the President is convening a plenary meeting tomorrow, Friday, 22 May 2009 at 3p.m.* to take action on this proposed postponement.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norman Miranda'.

Norman Miranda
Ambassador
Chef de Cabinet

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations.