



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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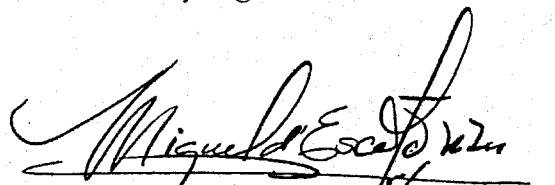
I have the pleasure to forward to you the consolidated response regarding questions raised by Member States on 15 April 2009, following discussions of the paper "Further Details on Institutional Options for Strengthening the Institutional Arrangements for Support to Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women", especially with regard to a new entity's structure, governance, staffing, funding and the relationships between the entity and intergovernmental bodies.

During the interactive meeting on Gender, that will take place on Monday 8 June, from 3 to 6 pm, in Conference Room 1, a power point presentation will supplement the consolidated response prepared by the Secretary-General.

I would like to take the opportunity to reiterate my appreciation to the Co-chairs, H. E. Mr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende, Permanent Representative of Namibia, and H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Yañez-Barnuevo, Permanent Representative of Spain, all Member States and the United Nations entities for building the pathway for sincere dialogues that will facilitate the process to take action on this important matter by the General Assembly during its sixty-third session.

Please note that the consolidated response document is also available on the official website of the President of the General Assembly.

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



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