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Excellency,

I have the honour of conveying a message from the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann who is presently traveling.

I congratulate all Member-States for having adopted by consensus the Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development (A/CONF/214/L.1), on 26 June 2009, and for having had a rich debate on the crisis on that occasion. I also welcome the adoption of the Outcome of the Conference by the General Assembly on 9 July 2009, by Resolution 63/303.

Responding to the widespread desire for immediate action expressed at high levels, including at the highest level, during the Conference, I am circulating herewith a draft resolution to establish an *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group of the General Assembly to follow-up on the issues contained in the Outcome of the Conference.

I would like to reiterate that this process shall continue to be member-states driven. In line with that, it is my intention to appoint, immediately after the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group is established, two co-Chairs to preside over it: one from amongst the group of developed countries and one from the group of developing countries. The Working Group shall decide on its own programme of work.

I am calling a meeting of the General Assembly on Thursday, 23 July 2009, at 3:00 pm, to take action on this resolution, as the first item.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norman Miranda', written over a faint, larger signature.

Norman Miranda
Ambassador
Chef de Cabinet

All Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers to the
United Nations

Draft Resolution

Establishment of an *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group of the General Assembly to follow-up on the issues contained in the Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 63/303 of 9 July 2009, by which it endorsed by consensus the Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development,

Recognizing the depth of the current financial and economic crisis and the urgency of follow-up action,

Reaffirming that this process shall continue to be member-states driven,

1. Decides to establish immediately an ad hoc open-ended working group of the General Assembly to follow-up on the issues contained in the Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development;
2. Requests the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group to submit a report on the progress of its work to the General Assembly before the end of the sixty-fourth session.