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Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that on Tuesday, 8 September 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room 8, the Office of the President of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly will host a briefing for Member States on the Trade and Development Report 2009, which will be published by UNCTAD on Monday, 7 September.

The publication of UNCTAD's flagship report provides a timely opportunity to examine developments in the world economy since our June Conference, and to look at some of the key issues related to climate change mitigation in their relationship to development.

I am pleased to confirm that Mr. Heiner Flassbeck, Director of the Division on Globalisation and Development Strategies of UNCTAD will present TDR 2009. Copies of the report will be available for those attending the briefing. Mr. Michael Clark, Senior Adviser to the President will chair the briefing. For further information, please contact Mr. Clark at his cellular (917-669-3170) or office (212-963-4939).

I hope that you or a designated member of your delegation will be able to participate in what we anticipate will be an informative and lively discussion.

Norman Miranda Ambassador Chef de Cabinet

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