



STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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The President of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, firmly and categorically condemns the criminal action by the army in the Republic of Honduras that has broken the constitutional order by carrying out a coup d'état against President Manuel Zelaya. D'Escoto demands that the Honduran army immediately end its illegal action. At the same time, he appeals to all Presidents of Central America, Latin America, the Caribbean and the world to speak out against the coup and express their solidarity with the constitutional President of Honduras.

D'Escoto is making a special appeal to the President of the United States, Barack Obama, who recently at the summit in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, announced a new policy towards Latin America. "Many are now asking if this coup is part of this new policy as it is well known that the army in Honduras has a history of total collaboration with the United States. In order to eliminate any doubt, it is absolutely necessary that President Obama immediately condemns the coups against President Zelaya. In any case, it should be clear that neither the United States nor any other country should recognize the legitimacy of another Head of State in Honduras."

President d'Escoto is meeting with his cabinet at his office at the United Nations in New York and closely monitoring the events in order to take the steps he considers appropriate. D'Escoto declares that the only solution to the present crisis is the immediate restoration of President Zelaya to the post and functions that the popular vote has mandated in the national elections and that no alternative will be acceptable to the international community.

Miguel d'Escoto expresses his deep concern that this break in the existing constitutional order should be part of the sad history of Latin America and not of its democracy of the 21st century.