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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Ali Abdussalam Treki,
President of the 64th Session of the General Assembly,
at the Occasion of the Election of the President of the General
Assembly for the Sixty-Fifth Session**

In accordance with rule 30 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, I now invite members of the General Assembly to proceed to the election of the President of the General Assembly for the sixty-fourth session.

May I recall that, in accordance with paragraph 1 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 33/138 of 19 December 1978, the President of the General Assembly for the sixty-fifth session should be elected from among the Western European and other States.

In that connection, I have been informed by the Chairman of the Group of Western European and other States for the month of December 2009 that the Group has endorsed His Excellency Mr. Joseph Deiss of Switzerland for the presidency of the General Assembly for the sixty-fifth session. Taking into account the provisions of paragraph 16 of General Assembly decision 34/401, I therefore declare His Excellency Mr. Joseph Deiss of Switzerland elected by acclamation President of the General Assembly for the sixty-fifth session.

I would like to congratulate His Excellency Mr. Joseph Deiss, former President of the Swiss Confederation, on his election as the President of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

The wealth of knowledge and experience that Mr. Deiss brings to this high office, I am sure, have the appreciation of Member States, and would enable him to carry forward our collective endeavour and further advance the important work of the General Assembly. His perspective, having served as Minister of Foreign Affairs and also as Minister of Economy, would certainly guide and benefit the discussions related to the host of issues and challenges of peace and security, development and human rights which are at the heart of our agenda. That Mr. Deiss advocated and led his country's accession campaign to the United Nations, is a strong indication of his support for multilateralism and for this organization, which I hope would contribute to our ongoing efforts to further strengthen the United Nations and promote its purposes and principles. Together, through cooperation, harmony and understanding we can attain the respect, support and consensus of Member States to promote our common objectives.

As we begin the transition to the next session, let me assure the President-elect, of my openness and availability at all times, and our full cooperation and assistance, on behalf of Member States and of my office, to lay the groundwork and ensure a smooth and efficient start to the sixty-fifth session. Wishing

him all the success, I now invite His Excellency Mr. Joseph Deiss, President-elect of the General Assembly for the sixty-fifth session, to take the floor.