



Statement attributable to the Spokesperson of the President of the General Assembly

United Nations, New York 26 May 2009 – The General Assembly has officially confirmed the new dates of the United Nations Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development which will be held at UN headquarters in New York from 24 to 26 June 2009. The summit was originally scheduled for 1 to 3 June.

Delegates had expressed concern that they require more time to negotiate the draft outcome document that is to be adopted by world leaders. President of the General Assembly Miguel d’Escoto Brockmann, the organizer of the three-day summit, consulted with all major regional groups in recent days on the proposed three-week deferral and achieved consensus on the change.

The President appealed to the Member States to complete the negotiations on the draft outcome document by 15 June. “We believe that success will depend on a positive and forward-looking outcome document and the active engagement of the political leadership of the Member States at the highest possible level,” the President told the plenary session of the Assembly.

President d’Escoto expressed his confidence that “Member States will demonstrate the necessary political will and good faith regarding the complex negotiations.”