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Chairman: Mr. d'Escoto Brockmann. (Nicaragua)
(President of the General Assembly)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.30 a.m.

Statement by the Chairman

1. **The Chairman** said that he had received a letter from the Secretary-General informing him of his intention to organize a high-level event on climate change in September 2009. Because the initial target date — Monday, 21 September 2009 — was a United Nations holiday, the Secretary-General had requested that the general debate of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly should begin on Wednesday, 23 September 2009, to allow the high-level event on climate change to be held on Tuesday, 22 September 2009. The Committee would also recall that, in its resolution 63/91, the General Assembly had decided to commemorate the work of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of its establishment at a high-level meeting to be convened on 1 October 2009.

2. Given the importance of climate change, he had supported the Secretary-General's proposal. He therefore intended to circulate a draft decision proposing that the general debate of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly should be held from Wednesday, 23 September 2009 to Saturday, 26 September 2009 and from Monday, 28 September 2009 to Wednesday, 30 September 2009.

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3. **The Chairman** drew attention to the request submitted by the Secretary-General for the inclusion in the agenda of the current session of an additional item entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)" (A/63/236).

4. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that an additional item entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)" should be included in the agenda of the current session under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).*

5. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be allocated to the Fifth Committee.*

6. **Mr. Lacroix** (France) said that his delegation opposed neither the inclusion of the item nor its allocation to the Fifth Committee. However, that position was without prejudice to any position it might take on the funding arrangements for the activities to be examined by that Committee.

The meeting rose at 10.35 a.m.