

Launch of the World Day of Social Justice - 10 February 2009

10 February 2009 – 10h00 to 12h00 Conference Room 4

10h00 Opening Remarks

H.E. Ms. Kirsti Lintonen, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary,

Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations, Chairperson of the 47th session of the Commission for

Social Development

10h05 Opening Statement

H.E. Mr. Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, President of the 63rd session of the United Nations General Assembly

and Ambassador Extraordinary of Nicaragua to the UN

10h10 Introduction of the Panel

Rachel Mayanja, Assistant Secretary-General, DESA and

Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women

10h15 Keynote Address

Achieving Social Justice for All

Mary Robinson, Founder and President, Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative

and Member of The Elders

10h30 Panel Presentations

Ensuring Equality of Opportunity and Prosperity through Decent Work

Lucas Benitez, Co-Director, Coalition of Immokalee Workers

Giving Voice to Informal Workers for Poverty Eradication and Social Integration

Renana Jhabvala, Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA)

11h00 Lead Intervention

H.E. Mr. Nurbek Jeenbaev, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

Permanent Representative of the Kyrgyz Republic to the United Nations

11h10 Statement from the European Union

Mr. Petr Wija, Department of Social Inclusion, Czech Republic

11h10 Statement from Civil Society

Tahirih Naylor, Chair of the NGO Committee on Social Development

11h15 **Open Floor Discussion**

Moderator: Rachel Mayanja, Assistant Secretary-General, DESA

11h55 Closing remarks

Rachel Mayanja, Assistant Secretary-General, DESA and

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12h00 Close of Meeting