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Mr. President and Distinguished Delegates:

Mr. President, I congratulate you on your election. I know that the General Assembly will benefit greatly from your wisdom, experience and independent judgment, qualities which are so essential to the successful discharge of your high office.

I join in welcoming the newly elected member states. I know that they will derive advantage and strength from membership in the United Nations as the Organization will benefit from their participation in its work for peace.

It is particularly significant that thirteen of these new member states are in Africa -- that continent in which such great changes are taking place and which today holds the centre of the world stage. Older members of the United Nations have a responsibility to assist these new member states in solving the challenging problems facing their leaders and peoples.

This substantial accretion to our membership is a reminder of the need to consider enlarging the numerical strength of the Security Council and of the Economic and Social Council, so that all the geographical areas may be assured of adequate representation in the various organizations of the United Nations.

To some observers the Assembly gave the appearance at the end of last week of being a circus and a drama of personalities. Whatever the views held in this regard, this is the most representative gathering