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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Didier Operti,  
President of the 53rd Session of the General Assembly,  
on the death of the Vice-President of Paraguay**

It is with great shock and surprise that I have received the news of the violent death of Vice-President of Paraguay, Mr. Luis Maria Argana. I should like to take this opportunity to convey my deepest sympathy to the Government and people of Paraguay, as well as to the family of Vice-President Argana and express my sincere hope that the democratic institutions of Paraguay will be able to quickly and efficiently overcome this crisis.