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Professor Diogo FREITAS DO AMARAL, President of the fiftieth session of the United Nations General Assembly, discusses the work of a number of high level working groups concerned with different aspects of United Nations reforms. Because of the increase in membership from 58 to 185 States, more equitable representation is needed in the different organs of the United Nations. Three of the working groups are about to reach consensus on major issues: *An Agenda for Peace*, *An Agenda for Development*, and strengthening of the UN system. Agreement on the financial situation of the UN and on Security Council membership reforms is not expected this year. Professor Freitas do Amaral explains the different positions of Member States on these important reform issues.

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