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UN offers deposed president a platform

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General Assembly President Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann sat next to deposed Honduran President José Manuel Zelaya today as he spoke before the assembly and vowed to return to his country on Thursday, despite warnings that he could face arrest. But he said that a number of other leaders had offered to escort him, including D'Escoto, President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner of Argentina, President Rafael Correa of Ecuador and the secretary general of the Organization of American States.

In Washington, the Obama administration continued to stand by Mr. Zelaya. What a relief to see a U.S. administration standing up for democratic principles.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said that the United States did not see any acceptable solution other than Mr. Zelaya returning to power.

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