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Excellency,

You will recall that on 10 November 2009, the General Assembly adopted by consensus the resolution A/RES/64/13 proclaiming 18 July as the Nelson Mandela International Day to be observed each year beginning 2010.

In accordance with the afore-mentioned resolution, this year once again the occasion of the Nelson Mandela International Day provides an excellent opportunity for the General Assembly to pay tribute to him and acknowledge his values and dedication to the service of humanity particularly in the areas of conflict resolution, peace and dialogue, promotion of human rights, reconciliation and gender equality.

Bearing this in mind, I have the honour to inform you that I will convene an informal meeting of the General Assembly on 18 July 2013 from 10:00 am to 13:00 p.m in the ECOSOC Chamber.

A detailed programme will be sent to you subsequently.

I would like to extend a warm invitation to all member states and observers, United Nations system entities and civil society to attend the special event. It is my hope that the informal meeting will provide an opportunity for all of us to pay tribute to one of the greatest statesmen of our time.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations New York



## General Assembly Informal Plenary Meeting on the Nelson Mandela International Day

Tentative Programme

Tuesday, 18 July 2013 ECOSOC Chamber (CB) Time: 10:00 am

10:00- 10:10	Short video clip on President Mandela at the United Nations
10:10 – 10:20	Opening Remarks by the H.E Ambassador Nawaf Salam, Acting President of the General Assembly
10:20- 10:30	Statement by H.E Ban ki-Moon, United Nations Secretary-General
10:30 - 10:50	Keynote address by H.E William Jefferson Clinton, Former President of the United States of America
10:50- 11:10	Statement by Hon. Andrew Mlangeni MP, Rivonia Trialist and former Robben Island Political Prisoner
11:10- 11:30	Remarks by Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr, Civil Rights and Anti-Apartheid Activist
11:30- 11:50	Remarks by Mr. Harry Belafonte, American singer, Actor, Song writer and Social Activist
11:50- 12:20	Discussions
12: 20- 12:25	Vote of thanks by Ambassador Kingsley Mamabolo, Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations
12:25- 12:40	Short video clip about the life of President Nelson Mandela