

Excellency,

I have the honor to refer to Resolution 53/243 of the United Nations General Assembly, entitled Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace, and to all subsequent annual resolutions, including Resolution 67/106, entitled Follow-up to the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace, adopted on 17 December 2012.

Recognizing the importance of the implementation of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace and the need for strengthening further the global movement to promote a Culture of Peace, I have the pleasure to inform you that I will convene a **High-Level Forum on the Culture of Peace** on Friday, 6 September 2013 at United Nations Headquarters.

This one-day event, which will be devoted to the implementation of the Programme of Action, aims to provide an informal setting for Member States, representatives of UN entities, civil society, academia, media and private sector for the exchange of views and ideas in an interactive and inclusive manner.

Draft program of the High-Level Forum will be sent to you in due course. To benefit from the wide range of views throughout the Membership, I extend an invitation to your respective Governments to be represented at the highest possible level.

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