



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

28 October 2013

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 67/155 of 20 December 2012, by which the General Assembly decided “to launch an informal consultative preparatory process for the proclamation of the International Decade for People of African Descent, with the theme “People of African descent: recognition, justice and development”.

In this regard, I have decided to appoint H.E. Mr. Jeremiah Nyamane Kingsley Mamabolo, Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations, as the facilitator to lead the informal consultations with Member States, relevant United Nations programmes and organizations and civil society, with a view to proposing the arrangements for the proclamation of an International Decade for People of African Descent.

I thank Ambassador Mamabolo for accepting this responsibility and trust that you will extend your full cooperation and support to him.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John W. Ashe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'A'.

John W. Ashe

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Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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