



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

31 January 2014

Excellency,

In resolution 64/13 of 10 November 2009, the Assembly designated 18 July as Nelson Mandela International Day, which has been observed by the United Nations each year since 2010. In follow-up to the special meeting of the General Assembly dedicated to the life and memory of His Excellency Mr. Nelson Mandela, convened on 19 December 2013, I have now decided to initiate a new draft resolution, a copy of which is attached, to further honour and pay homage to the extraordinary life and legacy of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela.

The draft resolution, which builds on the earlier text, would establish the United Nations Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize as a tribute to outstanding achievement and contribution by individuals to the purposes and principles of the United Nations, and requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the President of the General Assembly, to establish criteria and procedures for bestowing this Prize.

I have the honour to inform you that I have decided to appoint His Excellency Mr. Kingsley Mamabolo, the Permanent Representative of South Africa, to facilitate consultations on the draft resolution and I trust that you will extend to him your full cooperation and support.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Ashe". The signature is fluid and cursive.

John W. Ashe

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

**DRAFT RESOLUTION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 64/13 of 10 November 2009, by which it inter alia designated 18 July as Nelson Mandela International Day, which is observed by the United Nations each year since 2010,

Bearing in mind Nelson Mandela's leading role in and support for Africa's struggle for liberation and Africa's unity, his outstanding contribution to the creation of a non-racial, non-sexist, democratic South Africa and his contribution to the struggle for democracy internationally and the promotion of a culture of peace throughout the world,

Bearing also in mind Nelson Mandela's values and his dedication to the service of humanity, as a humanitarian, in the fields of conflict resolution, race relations, promotion and protection of human rights, reconciliation, gender equality and the rights of children and other vulnerable groups, as well as the upliftment of poor and underdeveloped communities

Wishing to further honour and pay homage to the extraordinary life and legacy of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela,

1. *Decides* to establish the United Nations Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize as a tribute to outstanding achievement and contribution by individuals to the purposes and principles of the United Nations;
2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the President of the General Assembly, to establish criteria and procedures for bestowing this Prize, not later than 1 March 2014.