



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

26 May 2017

Excellency,

I am honoured to inform you that, in accordance with resolution 64/13 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 10 November 2009, I will convene an informal meeting of the General Assembly in order to observe the annual Nelson Mandela International Day. This meeting will take place on Tuesday, 18 July 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the ECOSOC Chamber. The Provisional Programme for the commemorative event will be circulated in due course.

This special meeting will provide the General Assembly with the occasion to celebrate and keep alive Nelson Mandela's legacy and unique contribution to the service of humanity, including the promotion of freedom, justice, democracy, human rights and gender equality, as well as his extensive work in the field of conflict prevention, reconciliation, and the promotion of a culture of peace throughout the world.

In line with Mandela's vision for freedom and equality, I join the Nelson Mandela Foundation in encouraging you and the staff of your delegation to dedicate, on that day, 67 minutes - one minute for every year of Mandela's public service - towards making a difference in other people's lives.

Your participation at this commemorative meeting will be highly appreciated.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson'.

Peter Thomson

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