

THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 March 2015

Excellency,

In accordance with Resolution 69/162, I am pleased to inform you that I will convene a commemorative plenary meeting of the General Assembly to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, on 20 March 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

The meeting will focus on the state of racial discrimination worldwide, and the theme for this year's event is: "*Learning from historical tragedies to combat racial discrimination today*".

I intend to invite Professor Verene Sheperd who is a Member of the UN Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent and an eminent personality active in the field of racial discrimination, to address the meeting as a Keynote speaker. I encourage you to participate in the commemorative meeting.

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