



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

12 July 2010

Excellency,

It is my pleasure to inform you that I will convene an informal meeting of the plenary to conduct a General Assembly celebration of the inaugural Nelson Mandela International Day, as designated by resolution 64/13 of 10 November 2009. The celebration will be held on Friday, 16 July 2010, from 10 to 11 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall (the International Day itself is 18 July, Mr. Mandela's birthday, and falls on a Sunday this year). A draft programme is attached to this letter.

It is my sincere hope that this event will contribute to the *recognition of* "the long history of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela's leading role in and support for Africa's struggle for liberation and Africa's unity, and his outstanding contribution to the creation of a non-racial, non-sexist, democratic South Africa", and also of his "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", as mentioned in the resolution.

I look forward to Your Excellency's active participation in the celebration.

  
Ali Abdussalam Treki

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

**General Assembly Celebration of the Inaugural  
Nelson Mandela International Day  
(Programme)**

Friday, 16 July 2010  
General Assembly Hall

10:00      Message from H.E. Mr Nelson Mandela

10:05      Statements

- *President of the General Assembly*
- *Secretary-General*
- *South Africa (Minister of International Relations and Cooperation)*
- Non-aligned Movement
- Five regional groups
- Host Country

10:55      Short Video clip of Mandela from Nelson Mandela Foundation