



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

15 June 2016

Excellency,

In accordance with resolution 64/13 adopted by the General Assembly on 10 November, 2009, I am honoured to inform you that I will convene an informal meeting of the Assembly in order to observe the annual Nelson Mandela International Day. This meeting will take place on Monday, 18 July, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The Provisional Programme will be circulated in due course.

This special meeting provides 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 promotion of a culture of peace throughout the world.

In line with Mandela's long vision for freedom and equality, I strongly encourage you, and through you, members of your delegation, to dedicate 67 minutes of your time helping others on Nelson Mandela International Day – 1 minute for every year of Mr. Mandela's public service.

Your participation at this commemorative meeting is highly appreciated.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mogens Lykketoft', written in a cursive style.

Mogens Lykketoft

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