



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

7 March 2016

Excellency,

In accordance with General Assembly Resolution 70/140, 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 18 March at 11.00 am 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: "*Challenges and Achievements of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action – 15 years after*".

I invited Mr. Ahmed Reid 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.

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

Mogens Lykketoft

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