



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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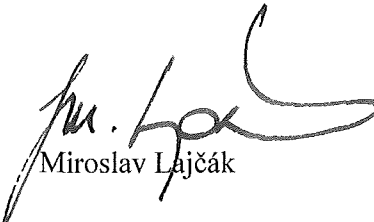
In accordance with General Assembly resolution 72/157, I will convene a commemorative plenary meeting of the General Assembly to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on Tuesday, 20 March 2018 at 3 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

As per Assembly resolution 72/157, the meeting will focus on promoting tolerance, inclusion, unity and respect for diversity in the context of combating racial discrimination.

I have invited Ms. Tendayi Achiume, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and Ms. Gay McDougall, member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, to make statements at the meeting. The High-Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, will also address the commemorative meeting.

In keeping with the decision of the General Assembly on the format of such meetings, I encourage Member States to present regional statements during the commemorative meeting.

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



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