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Excellency,

I have the honor to inform you that, pursuant to resolution 72/51 adopted on 4 December 2017, I will convene a High-level Meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate and promote the International Day against Nuclear Tests, on 6 September 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m, at the General Assembly Hall.

In line with the abovementioned resolution, this meeting is devoted to enhancing public awareness and education about the effects of nuclear weapon test explosions and any other nuclear explosions and the need for their cessation as one of the means of achieving the goal of a nuclear weapon-free world.

In this regard and without setting a precedent, I intend to invite Mr. Lassina Zerbo, Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) and Mr. Karipbek Kuyukov, the ATOM Project Honorary Ambassador, to deliver keynote statements at the meeting.

In line with the decision of the General Assembly on the format of such meetings, Member States are encouraged to deliver regional statements during this commemorative meeting.

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

Miroslav Lajčák

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