Excellency,

The Charter of the United Nations was signed in San Francisco on 26 June 1945. To mark this important date, I have the honour to invite you to an event at the General Assembly Hall on Wednesday, 26 June 2019, at 3 p.m. The event will be an occasion to launch activities for commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Organization, which will be celebrated next year. The draft programme of the event is attached.

In line with resolution 73/299, the 75th anniversary of the United Nations is an opportunity to reaffirm collective commitment to multilateralism. The resolution encourages Member States and other stakeholders to actively support the commemoration through national and regional initiatives, as well as through voluntary financial contributions.

As President of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly, my own contribution to this process will be to launch, on 26 June, a display of the text of the Preamble to the Charter in all six official languages, which will remain in situ at the Headquarters as an expression of renewed commitment to the Charter ahead of the 75th anniversary commemoration in September 2020. A ceremony for symbolic signatures for Ambassadors will take place at the GA Hall during the event.

Your personal participation would be much appreciated. For planning purposes, kindly indicate your availability to the Office prior to Wednesday, 26 June, 11:00 a.m. to Ms. Meriern Heddache by phone: +1 (212) 963-7555 or email: heddachem@un.org; and Ms. Fatima Ezzahra Denial at fatima.denial@un.org.

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

María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York
Commemorative event to mark the day of the signing of the Charter of the United Nations

Wednesday, 26 June 2019, General Assembly Hall

3:00 p.m. opening:

- Remarks by the President of the General Assembly
- Remarks by Mr. Fabrizio Hochschild Drummond, Special Adviser on the Preparations for the Commemoration of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the United Nations.

3:15 p.m.

- A short video featuring the signing ceremony of the UN Charter and the Statute of the International Court of Justice in San Francisco in 1945;
- Display of the poster of the Preamble of the UN Charter in all six languages of the UN;
- Ceremony for symbolic signatures of the representatives of the Member States, as well as non-member States having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the session and the work of the General Assembly. Ambassadors who are present and have indicated their willingness to participate will be called in alphabetical order.

Followed by:

- Interventions by Member States and Observers.

6:00 p.m. end of the event.