



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

8 July 2019

Excellency,

In accordance with Resolution A/RES/64/13 of 10 November 2009, it is my honour to inform you that I will convene an informal meeting of the General Assembly in order to observe the annual Nelson Mandela International Day on Thursday, 18 July 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in the ECOSOC Chamber. The provisional programme will be circulated in due course.

This special meeting provides the occasion to celebrate and keep alive Nelson Mandela's legacy and unique contribution to the service of humanity, including promotion of freedom, justice, democracy, human rights, and gender equality; as well as his extensive work in the field of conflict prevention, reconciliation, and the promotion of culture of peace throughout the world.

In keeping with the decision of the General Assembly on the format of commemorative meetings, this meeting will feature statements from regional groups and the host country, after the opening segment.

I have further the honour to inform you that under the theme for Mandela Day this year, which is "Take action, inspire change!", there will be a volunteer activity from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Brownsville Community Culinary Center, Brooklyn, 69 Belmont Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11212. I invite Member States to participate by registering on: <http://bit.ly/2Lxt29C>.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "MF ESPINOSA", is positioned above the printed name.

María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés

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