



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2 July 2020

Excellency,

In accordance with the Resolution 64/13 adopted by the General Assembly on 10 November 2009, I have the honour to inform you that I will convene an informal meeting of the Assembly in order to observe the annual Nelson Mandela International Day. This meeting will take place on Monday, 20 July 2020 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. via a virtual platform. The provisional programme for the meeting will be circulated in due course.

This special meeting provides the General Assembly 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 line with Mandela's long vision for freedom and equality, I strongly encourage you, and through you, members of your delegation, to dedicate 67 minutes to helping others on Nelson Mandela International Day – 1 minute for every year of Mr. Mandela's public service.

While looking forward to your participation, please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tijjani Muhammad-Bande'.

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

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