PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

9 June 2022

Excellency,

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 64/13 of 10 November 2009 entitled ***"Nelson Mandela International Day"***, 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 **Monday, 18 July 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall**.

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.

Kindly note that in keeping with the decision of the General Assembly 76/505 dated 17 September 2021 regarding the format of commemorative meetings, **regional groups are invited to deliver statements during this meeting**.

I have further the honour to inform you that under the theme for Mandela Day this year, which is "*Do what you can, with what you have, wherever you are",* there will be volunteer community service activity planned, for which Member States will be invited to participate.

Additional information for the meeting will be circulated in due course.

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

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