

7 February 2023

Excellency,

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/7 of 4 November 2015, I have the honour to inform you that I will convene a plenary meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the International Day of Remembrance of the victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade on Monday, 27 March 2023, at 10 a.m., in the General Assembly Hall, at the United Nations Headquarters. The theme of this year's observance is "Fighting slavery's legacy of racism through transformative education".

In line with previous annual commemorations, I intend to invite Ms. Djamila Taís Ribeiro, winner of the *Jabuti* Literary Prize 2020, to deliver the keynote statement at the commemorative meeting of the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly.

Kindly note that, in keeping with the decision of the General Assembly 77/504 dated 16 September 2022 regarding the format of such meetings, regional groups are invited to deliver statements during the commemorative meeting.

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

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