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PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to my letter dated 1 February 2025 regarding the plenary meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to be held on Friday, 21 March 2025 at 10 a.m., in accordance with General Assembly resolution 79/161.

As previously indicated, the theme of this year's observance is "The sixtieth anniversary of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination" (ICERD).

In this regard, and without setting precedent, I intend to invite the following speakers to address the General Assembly on this occasion:

- Ms. Ilze Brands Kehris, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, on behalf of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.
- Mr. Michal Balcerzak, Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD).
- Ms. Sarah Lewis, Associate Professor at Harvard University and Founder of Vision & Justice.

For any additional information, your Office may contact Mr. Aron Miszlivetz, Adviser in my Office by email at aron.miszlivetz@un.org.

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

A blue ink signature, appearing to read 'Philemon Yang', is written above the name.

Philemon Yang

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