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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

I refer to the letter dated 31 October 2014 from H.E. Sam Kutesa, President of the General Assembly, informing that the launch of the International Decade for People of African Descent will be convened on Human Rights Day, 10 December 2014.

I have the honour to transmit the final Programme for the Launch which will be held at the 3:00 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The Office of the President of the General Assembly welcomes the opportunity to celebrate this historic occasion with your delegation.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Arthur Kafeero
Ambassador
Chef de Cabinet

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

Programme
 Launch of the International Decade for People of African Descent
"People of African Descent: recognition, justice and development"

10 December 2014

3:00 p.m.

Trusteeship Council Chamber

2:50 – 3:05 p.m.	<i>Drums prelude</i>
3:05 p.m.	<i>Musical introduction</i>
3:10 p.m.	<p>Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Sam K. Kutesa, President of the 69th Session of the United Nations General Assembly • Ms. Valerie Amos, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator • Mr. Ivan Simonovic, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights • <i>Video message from H.E. Irina Bokova</i>, Director-General of the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization • Ms. Mireille Fanon Mendes France, Chairperson, Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent • Mr. Mohamed Siad Douale, Chairperson, Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action • Dr. Barryl Biekman, Tiye International (civil society representative) <p><i>Keynote speaker</i> Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, Principal and Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of the West Indies</p> <p><i>Musical interlude</i></p> <p>Statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Samantha Power, Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations and a member of President Obama's Cabinet • H.E. Hon. Tshililo Michael Masutha, Minister of Justice and Correctional Services of South Africa • H.E. Hon. Luiza Bairros, Minister for the Promotion of Policies on Racial Equality of Brazil • H.E. Hon. Paolo Gentiloni, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy • H.E. Hon. Guillermina Mekuy Mba Obono, Minister of Culture and Tourism of Equatorial Guinea • H.E. Hon. Carmen Ines Vasquez, Vice Minister of Participation and Equity, Ministry of the Interior of Colombia • G77 and China • African Group • CARICOM • EU
5:50 p.m.	<i>Musical finale</i>
6:00 p.m.	<p>Closure of Launch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Sam K. Kutesa