



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

12 June 2015

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that I will convene an informal meeting of the General Assembly on 24 July 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to observe the annual Nelson Mandela International Day.

You will recall that the General Assembly in resolution 64/13 proclaimed the 18th of July as Nelson Mandela International Day to be observed each year beginning in 2010. This observance provides an opportunity for the General Assembly to pay tribute to this illustrious statesman, and to keep alive the memory of his far reaching contributions to the service of humanity particularly in the areas of conflict resolution, peace, reconciliation, promotion of human rights, and gender equality.

Furthermore, the General Assembly adopted resolution 69/269 entitled "Statute of the United Nations Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize," on 2 April 2015, to recognize the achievements of those who dedicate their lives to the service of humanity, in the promotion of reconciliation and social cohesion, and in community development as guided by the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

I am pleased to inform you that during this year's observance, the inaugural Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize will be awarded to two laureates following completion of the nomination and selection process. A provisional programme will be forwarded to you in due course. The venue will be announced in the Journal.

I look forward to your participation at this special event. Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam K. Kutesa".

Sam K. Kutesa

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