



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

29 June 2021

Excellency,

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 64/13 of 10 November 2009, I have the 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 Wednesday, 21 July 2021, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., in the General Assembly Hall, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The provisional programme of the meeting is hereby attached.

In keeping with General Assembly decision 75/501 of 18 September 2020 on the format of such meetings, this meeting will feature statements from regional groups, as well as the host country. Delegations are strongly encouraged to limit their statements to seven minutes.

For further information, your office may contact my Advisors for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, Mr. Robin Peeters (robin.peeters@un.org) and Ms. Narmin Ahangari, (narmin.ahangari@un.org), copying Ms. Hila Wesa, Team Leader (wesa@un.org).

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Volkan Bozkir'.

Volkan BOZKIR

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

Provisional programme
**Informal meeting of the plenary on the occasion of the Nelson Mandela
International Day**
Wednesday, 21 July 2021

Venue: General Assembly Hall, United Nations Headquarters, New York

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

- 10:00** Opening remarks by H.E. Mr. Volkan Bozkir, President of the 75th Session of the United Nations General Assembly
- 10:07** Statement by H.E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations
- 10:14** Statement by H.E. Dr. Naledi Pandor, Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa (*via pre-recorded video statement*)
- 10:21** Keynote speech
- 10:28** Statement by a representative of the City of New York
- 10:35** Remarks by the Chairs of the regional groups for the month of July and the host country
- 11:30** Adjournment of the meeting