



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

12 March, 2014

Excellency,

In accordance with operative paragraph 24 of General Assembly Resolution 68/151 of 18 December, 2013, I am pleased to inform that I will convene a Special Meeting of the General Assembly in commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. This meeting will take place on Friday, 21 March 2014 from 10:00am – 1:00pm in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

In accordance with the provisions of Resolution 68/151, the Meeting will address the state of racial discrimination worldwide. Additionally, also in accordance with this Resolution, I intend to extend an invitation to Ms. Gay McDougall, an eminent personality active in the field of racial discrimination, to address the commemorative Meeting. Among her extensive accomplishments, Ms. McDougall served as the first United Nations Independent Expert on Minority Issues (2005-2011), as an Expert Member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (1998-2001), and as Special Rapporteur on the UN Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (1995-1999).

In keeping with the decision of the General Assembly on the format of such meetings, I encourage Member States to present regional statements during the commemorative Meeting.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Ashe". The signature is fluid and cursive.

John W. Ashe

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