

2 August 2011

Excellency,

In December 2009, Resolution 64/35 was adopted by consensus by the General Assembly. It declared 29 August as the International Day against Nuclear Tests.

The celebration of the International Day against Nuclear Tests is devoted "to enhancing public awareness and education about the effects of nuclear weapons test explosions or any other nuclear explosions and the need for their cessation as one of the means for achieving the goal of a nuclear-weapon-free world".

Resolution A/Res/63/279, adopted in May 2009, invited the international community to observe in 2011 the Twentieth Anniversary of the closure of the Semipalatinsk nuclear test site.

I am convening an informal meeting of the plenary of the General Assembly to mark these two occasions.

The meeting will take place on 2 September 2011 from 10:00 to 13:00 in Conference Room 2 (NLB)

A complete program of the event will be circulated in due course.

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

Joseph Deiss

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