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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser,
President of the 66th Session of the General Assembly,
on the International Day of Non-Violence**

Statement attributable to the spokesperson for the President of the General Assembly

On this day proclaimed by the General Assembly in 2007 as the International Day of Non-Violence, I encourage all Member States, UN entities and civil society organizations to re-affirm their commitment to the noble objectives of promoting tolerance and non-violence. The UN Charter identifies non-violence as an important principle guiding our work. By commemorating this day every year on October 2nd, The General Assembly reaffirms this message of tolerance and non-violence, and encourages Member States to settle their disputes by peaceful means.