



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
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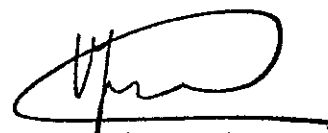
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Excellency,

On 18 September 2012, the Permanent Representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia addressed a letter to me, also on behalf of Argentina, Australia, Ecuador, the Philippines, New Zealand and Peru, requesting a plenary meeting of the General Assembly be convened for the global launch of the International Year of Quinoa 2013, and to provide an opportunity for dialogue on the role that quinoa biodiversity can play, owing to the nutritional value of quinoa, in providing food security and nutrition, and in the eradication of poverty.

In accordance with this request and in view of the participation of H.E. Mr. Evo Morales Ayma, President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, a meeting will be convened under agenda item 14: “Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields”, on Monday, 29 October 2012, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Member States are invited to make a statement during the meeting.

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



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