



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

8 February 2013

Excellency,

As you may recall, the Resolution 66/221 declared the year 2013 as the International Year of Quinoa. The main objective of this initiative is to raise awareness on the nutritional, economic, environmental and cultural value of this ancient Andean food, which plays a vital role in food security and in the eradication of poverty, thus providing essential support to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals.

In my letter of 04 October 2012, I informed Member States about the plenary meeting to be held in relation to the global launch of International Year of Quinoa. For logistical reasons, this meeting of the General Assembly had to be rescheduled. In this regard, I have the honour to inform you that the plenary meeting is to be convened on Wednesday, 20 February 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. H.E. Mr. Evo Morales Ayma, President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, will address the meeting.

High-level participants will include H.E. Mr. Rafael Roncagliolo Orbegoso, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru, H.E. Mr. Javier Ponce Cevallos, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Aquaculture and Fisheries of Ecuador, and Mr. Jose Graziano da Silva, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.

Full programme of the meeting and related side-events will be announced in the Journal.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vuk Jeremic', with a large, stylized flourish above the name.

Vuk Jeremic

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