



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

17 April 2013

Excellency,

As you may be aware, architect Oscar Niemeyer, at the time the youngest member of the Board of Design which created the United Nations Headquarters passed away on 5 December 2012, at the age of 104.

The UN Board of Design was an international all-star team of architects from 11 nations, led by American Wallace K. Harrison, charged with the task of creating a lasting symbol of the quest for peace. Considered to be one of the key figures in the development of modern architecture, Oscar Niemeyer was best known for his visionary buildings in Brasilia as well as for his collaboration with the Board of Design of the UN Headquarters in New York.

Today the UN complex has become not only a world symbol of peace but a historical and architectural landmark, a rare example of the international style architecture of the 1950's. As we prepare for the historic renovation of the United Nations Headquarters Complex, I am organizing, together with the Department of Public Information, and the support of the Mission of Brazil to the UN, a special event as a "Tribute to Oscar Niemeyer and the UN Board of Design".

The one-hour duration event will take place at the General Assembly Hall, on 24 April 2013, at 5:00 p.m. The event will include brief introductory statements, to be followed by a keynote speech by architectural critic Paul Goldberger, accompanied by the projection of images depicting Oscar Niemeyer and members of the Board of Design at work in the conception and execution of the UN project, some of which will be shown for the first time.

I am looking forward to your participation in this important event.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vuk Jeremic', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Vuk Jeremic

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