



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

8 April 2015

Excellency,

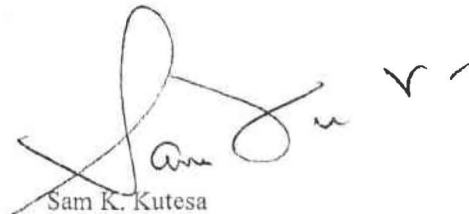
I refer to my letter dated 16 March 2015 transmitting a joint letter, as well as the Concept Note for the High-level Thematic Debate on Promoting Tolerance and Reconciliation: Fostering Peaceful, Inclusive Societies and Countering Violent Extremism, which I will convene in conjunction with the Secretary-General and the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations on 21 and 22 April 2015 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

An outline of the programme for the two days is attached. In view of time constraints, I would like to request delegations to keep their statements within 5 minutes. Member States are further reminded that the panel discussions are intended to provide a platform for exchange of views in an informal interactive format. A detailed programme will be availed in due course.

Member States are further encouraged to confirm to my Office details of high-level (governmental and/or religious) representatives that may be part of their delegations.

I look forward to your active participation. In case of further clarification, the following officers can be contacted; Mr. Steen Malthe Hansen, Senior Adviser in my Office at hansens@un.org or on +1 917 367 2494 and Ms. Nihal Saad, Spokesperson for the UN High-Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations at saadn@un.org, cell: (+1) 646-255-4664.

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



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All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

**High-Level Thematic Debate of the UN General Assembly
Promoting Tolerance and Reconciliation:
Fostering Peaceful, Inclusive Societies and Countering Violent Extremism
UNHQ– April 21-22, 2015**

Programme Outline

April 21, 2015

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

- **Opening Segment:** Fostering Peaceful, Inclusive Societies and Countering Violent Extremism
 - **Statements:** President of the General Assembly, Secretary-General and High Representative of the Alliance of Civilizations
- **High-level Plenary Segment:** Heads of State and Government, Ministers, high-level representatives, Permanent Missions, Observers

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

- **Interactive panel discussion:** Practical Strategies for fostering peaceful, inclusive societies and countering violent extremism

April 22, 2015

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

- **Opening Segment:** The Potential for Religion in Building Bridges of Tolerance and Reconciliation
 - **Statement:** Secretary-General
- **Plenary:** Priority given to religious leaders from around the world

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

- **Interactive panel discussion:** Highlighting a counter-narrative that emphasizes tolerance for diversity, freedom of expression and human rights

4:30 pm – 5:45 pm

- **Plenary Segment** (continued)

5:45 pm – 6:00 pm

- **Closing Segment**