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NOTE TO MR. MULET

Invitation to the Deputy Secretary-General to participate in a public service activity to commemorate Nelson Mandela International Day, 18 July 2016

In observance of this year's Nelson Mandela International Day on 18 July, the Department of Public Information (DPI) is organizing or supporting public service activities in New York where United Nations staff are able to assist people in need.

Headquarters staff will have the opportunity to volunteer for Citymeals on Wheels, which delivers meals to homebound elderly persons, and for Safe Horizon, which supports women, children and men who have suffered domestic violence. Staff will also be encouraged to donate items of professional clothing to three United States-based projects that help disadvantaged women and men in securing jobs and becoming economically independent: Dress for Success, Bottomless Closet and Career Gear.

With the Secretary-General away from UN Headquarters on 18 July, we would be honoured if the Deputy Secretary-General could represent him and lead UN staff at Headquarters as they donate clothing items to the projects.

It is proposed that from 12:30 p.m. to 12:50 p.m., in the Secretariat circle, the Deputy Secretary-General would place an item of his clothing in a box, lift the box into a truck and make brief remarks. A representative of the accepting organizations would also make remarks.

This activity will follow the end of the informal commemorative meeting of the General Assembly to mark the Day, where we understand the presence of the Deputy Secretary-General has been requested by the Office of the President of the General Assembly.

The President of the General Assembly and other senior UN officials, including from UN Women, have also been invited to participate in the public service activity, as well as a representative of the Permanent Mission of South Africa. We would be honoured if Mrs. Eliasson would consider joining as well.

The Deputy Secretary-General's involvement in this activity would strengthen the UN's relationship and engagement with its host city. Should he agree, DPI stands ready to make the necessary arrangements for his participation.

Thank you.



Cristina Gallach
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