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Mr. Secretary-General,

In accordance with operative paragraph 24 of General Assembly resolution 68/151 of 18 December, 2013, I am pleased to inform that I will convene a special meeting of the General Assembly in commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Member States have already been informed that this meeting will be convened on Friday, 21 March, 2014 from 10:00am to 1:00pm in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. However, we would be willing to commence the meeting at 11:00am, in order to accommodate participation by your Office.

In keeping with the decision of the General Assembly on the format of commemorative meetings, I have the honour to request that you deliver a statement at the special commemorative meeting. I also wish to inform that I have extended an invitation to Ms. Gay McDougall, an eminent personality active in the field of racial discrimination, to deliver a keynote address at the commemorative meeting.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

John W. Ashe

His Excellency
Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations



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