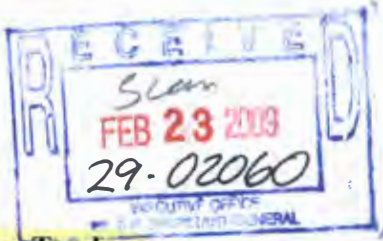


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NOTE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade

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The Department of Public Information will organize, on 25 March 2009, the annual observance of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/122.

This year's commemoration under the theme "Breaking the Silence, Beating the Drum" has generated great interest, and a series of events is being planned. We would be most honored if you would agree:

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- To launch, on 25 March at 12:00 p.m., the commemoration by symbolically drumming a few notes at an outdoor ceremony in the presence of the General Assembly President, delegates, artists and celebrities;
- To preside on the same day over the cultural evening and concert that will be staged from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

We do hope that your schedule would allow you to participate in these events. Should there be a conflict, we would kindly request that a video message be recorded in advance for use during the evening event, as well as for distribution to United Nations Information Centres for their respective commemorative events.

Thank you for your consideration.

→ YYC
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Kiyoo Akasaka
23 February 2009

cc: Mr. Yoon



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