



**Noet to CdC - Proposal for planting of the Tree of Peace and Unity for the  
70th Anniversary of World War II Commemoration**

**Patrick Carey** to: Christian Saunders

07/04/2015 11:29 AM

Cc: Stephen Cutts, Asim Sharma, Jennifer Boggs, Victor Kisob

Christian

The note of Mr. Takasu dated 27 March 2015 on the above mentioned matter refers (attached)

This is to confirm approval to proceed with tree planting, as outlined in the note.

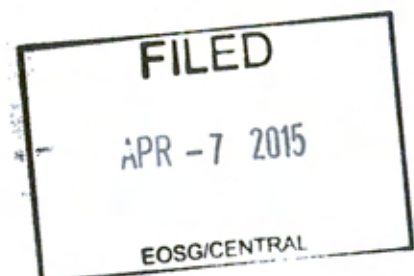
Regards

Patrick

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**Note to the Deputy Secretary-General**

**Approval of Proposed Tree Planting as part of 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
World War II Commemoration**

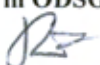

1. The note from the USG/DM to the Chef de Cabinet on the above-mentioned subject refers. The Permanent Mission of Belarus, on behalf of several permanent missions to the United Nations, proposes a planting of tree of peace and unity ceremony in early May 2015 to coincide with the May Special Session of the General Assembly.
2. A feasibility study has been undertaken by DM regarding the type of tree, the size and cost, along with a location for the tree within the UN campus. USG/DM has recommended the planting of a weeping cherry tree. It is proposed to have the tree planted on the lawn between the General Assembly Building and the Secretariat circle.
3. OCdC and DM undertook a site visit to establish a viable location for the tree that would complement the location of the Peace Bell. OCdC has further reviewed the feasibility of planting the tree along with the proposed programme and recommends that approval be granted.

**Proposed action:**

- Favourable consideration is recommended.

  
Patrick Carey  
2 April 2015

**15-02736/15-01927 – Note from Mr. Carey re. Approval of Proposed  
Tree Planting as Part of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World War II  
Commemoration**

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Note to Ms. Malcorra

**Proposal for Planting of the Tree of Peace and Unity for the 70th Anniversary of World War II Commemoration**

15-01927 1. Reference is made to a letter by the Permanent Representative of Belarus addressed to the Secretary-General, dated 3 March 2015, in which planting of the tree of peace and unity in commemoration of the victims of World War II, was proposed. The proposed ceremony would coincide with the May Special Session of the General Assembly.

2. The Department of Management (DM) has confirmed the feasibility of the proposal from a facilities management perspective and provides the following suggestions for implementation of the proposal:

a. Location: It is recommended that the tree be planted on the lawn between the General Assembly building and the Secretariat Circle. Given the upcoming removal of the North Lawn Temporary Building, planting a new tree in the North Lawn is not advisable at this time.

b. Type of tree: It is recommended that a relatively small ornamental flowering tree be chosen for this commemoration. Options include the Weeping Cherry Tree, Kuosa Dogwood, or the Japanese Flowering Crabapple. All these trees provide attractive displays and are suitable for the local climate. All of these trees have been installed elsewhere on the UNHQ campus with good results. An evergreen tree is not recommended for the location due to the occasional high winds in this vicinity, which will cause desiccation of the needles. More detail regarding these trees is enclosed. DM would recommend the selection of a weeping cherry tree.

c. Size and Cost: The estimated cost of the planting is estimated at around USD \$4,200.00. This amount covers the provision and maintenance of a 3" caliper tree (i.e. the diameter of the trunk), and includes a one year warranty. The order can be placed through the UNHQ landscaping contractor, if desired. A larger caliper tree would need to have its root system disturbed in order to replant it, and poses higher risk of not transplanting successfully. A 3" caliper tree will range from 9-12' in height, and will, of course, continue to grow with time.

3. It is recommended that the tree be ordered at least four (4) weeks prior to installation to ensure availability for the event. The tree will also need to be securely staked down for a period of at least one year to ensure that the root system can become firmly established.

4. It would be appreciated if you could confirm the Secretary-General's approval.

*Yukio Takasu*  
Yukio Takasu  
27 March 2015

cc: Mr. Cutts

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PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BELARUS  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

New York, March 3, 2015

Excellency,

I have the honour to address you on behalf of the distinguished Ambassadors of Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Fiji, Honduras, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, Nigeria, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Romania, the Russian Federation, Samoa, Somalia, Spain, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uruguay, Uzbekistan and my own country Belarus to bring to your kind attention the idea of holding at the United Nations in New York a *Planting of the Tree of Peace and Unity* ceremony (please find a tentative concept of the event attached).

The ceremony may precede a special solemn meeting of the General Assembly that will be held in the second week of May 2015 in commemoration of all victims of the Second World War.

This ceremony will symbolically bridge two of this year's conspicuous anniversaries – 70 years since the end of the Second World War and 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the United Nations.

Modest yet meaningful, this event should rekindle our collective faith in *Peace* not only as a desired state of humanity but as an unquestionable global imperative. The nations of the world will not be able to achieve and keep lasting peace other than in *Unity* of determination to preserve our planet as a habitable home for future generations.

My distinguished colleagues and I would highly appreciate if you could support this initiative and take it under your aegis. We stand ready to assist you in this noble endeavor and remain at your disposal for any organisational matters related to this initiative.

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

Andrei Dapkiunas

His Excellency Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary-General  
of the United Nations  
New York

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**CEREMONY OF PLANTING OF THE TREE OF PEACE AND UNITY  
TO COMMEMORATE THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR  
AND THE CREATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS**

**UN Headquarters, New York, May 2015**

**BACKGROUND**

2015 marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of two important and closely related dates in the world history: the end of the Second World War and the creation of the United Nations.

As part of observation of anniversaries of these two historic events, a symbolic Ceremony of Planting of the Tree of Peace and Unity will be held in the United Nations Headquarters.

The idea of the ceremony is based on the common meaning of peace, hope, continuity and universal power that tree planting carries in every society.

**POSSIBLE SCENARIO**

**Date and time:** May 5 or May 6, 2015 (depending on the date of the special solemn meeting of the General Assembly), 9-10 am

**Place:** UN HQ compound; preferably, close to the General Assembly building and the Peace Bell

**Participants**

- UN Secretary-General
- President of the UN General Assembly
- Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations
- Representatives of civil society and media

**Procedure:**

- The Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly address the participants of the Ceremony.
- The Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly, Permanent Representatives and attending dignitaries plant the Tree of Peace and Unity.



## Recommended Ornamental Trees

### Weeping Cherry Tree:

Weeping Cherry grows 20 to 30 feet tall and spreads 15 to 25 feet in a graceful weeping habit. Leaves stay glossy green throughout the summer and into the fall when they turn a vivid yellow before leaving the tree bare in winter. The drooping bare branches even lend a soothing grace to the landscape in winter. There is nothing quite like the Weeping Cherry in full bloom in the spring. The light pink (almost white); one-inch-diameter flowers cover the branches before the leaves emerge, giving the appearance that fresh snow has fallen on the tree.





## Recommended Ornamental Trees

### Japanese Flowering Crabapple:

This is one of the best crabapples for form and flower, reaching 15 to 25 feet in height and creating a broad, rounded, densely-branched canopy. It is also disease resistant, an important attribute for crabapples. The profusion of fragrant, 1- to 1.5-inch-diameter blooms begin as beautiful deep pink to red buds; eventually fading to a glistening white as they open. From August to October, the yellow and red fruits appear, providing a popular food for wildlife or they can be harvested to make a delicious jelly. They can create a litter problem on hard surface beneath the canopy.





## Recommended Ornamental Trees

### **Kousa Dogwood:**

Kousa Dogwood grows 15 to 20 feet tall and has beautiful exfoliating bark, long lasting flowers, good fall color, and attractive fruit. Branches grow upright when the tree is young, but appear in horizontal layers on mature trees. The crown eventually grows wider than it is tall on many specimens. It would be difficult to use too many Kousa dogwoods. The white, pointed bracts are produced a month later than flowering dogwood and are effective for about a month, sometimes longer. The red fruits are edible and they look like a big round raspberry. Birds devour the fruit quickly. Fall color varies from dull red to maroon.





## KELCO CONSTRUCTION

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Date: 9-Mar-15

United Nations

Attn: John Grassi

Re: United Nations-Memorial Install

As requested, below find our price quote for the items listed. Please let me know if you have any questions as soon as possible. We look forward to working with you.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	PRICE	UNIT/SIZE	TOTAL
	<u>Items</u> <u>Install</u>				
1	Kousa Dogwood	1	\$ 4,098.81	3-4" Cal. \$	4,098.81
2	Crab Apple	1	\$ 4,134.06	3-4" Cal. \$	4,134.06
4	Weeping Cherry	1	\$ 4,028.31	3-4" Cal. \$	4,028.31

### Notes/Assumptions:

1. All planting areas will be accessible by skid steer loader for entire duration of the landscape installation.
2. Proposal price excludes all work related to the sub-grade including drainage and hard pan related items.
3. Proposal valid for 14 days.
4. Price reflects installation cost for three separate trees, client will choose one to install.

Reviewed Notes (Signature Required)

Sincerely,  
Tom Christianson  
08-015

Accept Proposal