



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

7 August 2018

Excellency,

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 72/243, by which the General Assembly decided to hold a High-level plenary meeting, to be called the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit, a day before the start of the general debate on 24 September 2018, in honour of the centenary of the birth of Nelson Mandela, please find enclosed herewith the logistical arrangement and concept note in preparation of the Peace Summit.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajčák', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miroslav Lajčák

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

Nelson Mandela Peace Summit
24 September 2018
9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. GA Hall

Organizational Arrangements

In accordance with resolution 72/243, the General Assembly will convene on Monday, 24 September and a day before the start of the general debate for the seventy-third session, a High-level plenary meeting to be known as the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit.

Format

The Peace Summit will consist of an opening plenary meeting from 9:30-10:30 a.m., which will feature statements by the President of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Chairperson of the African Union, an eminent person, and a representative of civil society. This will be immediately followed by a plenary meeting from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., where Member States and observers of the General Assembly will be able to deliver their statements.

The time limit for statements will be three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States.

Participation

General Assembly resolution 72/243 established the modalities for participation in the Mandela Peace Summit.

All Member and observer States are invited to participate in the high-level meeting at the highest possible level, preferably at the level of Heads of State and Government.

Intergovernmental organizations and related entities that have observer status with the General Assembly are invited to be represented at the highest possible level.

Non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council are invited to register with Secretariat to attend the high-level meeting.

In operative paragraph 8 of resolution 72/243, the President of the General Assembly was requested to draw up a list of other relevant representatives of relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the private sector, diaspora communities and migrant organizations that may attend and participate, and to submit a list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis. In this regard, the

President has transmitted to Member States the final list he drew up in a letter dated 26 July 2018.

Opening plenary meeting

Also in accordance with resolution 72/243, the opening plenary meeting will take place in the General Assembly Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., at which opening remarks will be delivered by the President of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly, Secretary-General, the Chairperson of the African Union and an eminent person, and a representative from civil society.

Plenary Meeting

The Plenary Meeting will take place in the General Assembly Hall from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and will hear statements by Member States and Observers of the General Assembly.

The list of speakers, to be opened a month in advance of the High-level meeting on 24 August, will be established in accordance with the rules of procedure and established practice of the Assembly. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to do so through the e-delegate portal available at <http://delegate.un.int>

To allow maximum participation within the limited time available, General Assembly resolution 72/243 decided in its paragraph 4 to limit statements in the plenary meeting to three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States.

Registration of members of official delegations

Official delegations and members of the parties of Heads of State or Government, Vice-Presidents and Crown Princes or Princesses will be registered by the Protocol and Liaison Service. Missions/offices are required to submit their registration requests by using the online system “eAccreditation” available through the eDelegate Portal at <https://delegate.un.int>. The deadline for submission of registration to the high-level meetings, including the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit, is **Friday, 14 September 2018**.

Access to the General Assembly Hall

Access for official delegations to the General Assembly Hall for the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit will require a regular delegate's pass plus a secondary access card. This secondary access card, issued by the Protocol and Liaison Service, is transferable amongst members of a delegation and is valid for the period of the high-level week from 24 September to 1 October 2018. For that purpose, the Protocol and Liaison Service will issue two types of secondary access cards as follows:

(a) Every permanent mission will be issued six cards of one colour for access to the **General Assembly Hall** and four cards of a different colour for access to the **second floor** of the General Assembly and Conference Buildings;

(b) Each intergovernmental organization will be issued two colour-coded access cards and each specialized agency will be issued one colour-coded access card for access to the **General Assembly Hall**; in addition, each intergovernmental organization and specialized agency will receive two cards of a different colour for access to the **second floor** of the General Assembly and Conference Buildings;

(c) The secondary access card for the General Assembly Hall is valid for the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit on 24 September and the general debate of the seventy-third session from 25 September to 1 October 2018.

These secondary access cards will be distributed by the Protocol and Liaison Service on **Thursday, 20 September 2018 between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm in Conference Room "B"**. Thereafter, access cards may be collected in the Protocol Office at Room S-0200 during office hours.

Seating Arrangements

Member States and Observer States of the General Assembly and intergovernmental organizations will be seated according to the seating protocol of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly. There will be no rotational seats available in Section A for guests of the delegations during the Summit on 24 September 2018.

Non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council with valid UN grounds passes are invited to join the Summit on the 4th floor balcony of the General Assembly Hall [*Please refer to the paragraphs below under "Registration of NGOs and Stakeholders"*]. Depending on availability, overflow delegates wishing to observe the proceedings, may be accommodated on the 4th floor balcony. Access to the 4th floor balcony for both NGOs and overflow delegates will require a special event ticket.

In addition, Conference Room 6 will serve as an overflow room with the meeting livestreamed. Interpretation will be provided only in English in Conference Room 6. Access to this room will also require a special event ticket.

Special Event Tickets

Special event tickets will be handed to non-UN guests at the 46th Street and 2nd Avenue security checkpoint.

Participants in possession of special event tickets will be escorted from 2nd Avenue to **the 1st Avenue and 46th Street** entrance. After screening the guests will be guided to the 4th balcony of the GA hall. Those guests in possession of a special event ticket that indicates 2nd floor access will be guided to the 2nd floor.

Non-UN guests will only be allowed to enter the 46th Street and 2nd Avenue checkpoint one hour prior to the start time.

Registration of NGOs and Stakeholders

For Non-governmental or **other** Stakeholders without valid UN grounds passes, the registration process has been completed.

Once the applicant has received a confirmation email, he or she should expect to receive a further email with details on time, date and location at which the special events ticket is to be collected.

With special events tickets, participants are allowed to enter the United Nations compound through the visitor entrance at 46th Street and 1st Avenue one hour prior to the event, at the earliest. Due to security restrictions for the High-Level week of the General Assembly, access to the UN will be **via the checkpoint at 45th Street and 2nd Avenue**.

Please note that for security purposes, a government issued photo ID is required (1) to receive the **special** events ticket and (2) to enter the United Nations compound. Early arrival before 8:00 am is recommended to ensure enough time for the mandatory airport standard security screening before entering the compound, **and for timely arrival in the meeting room**.

Media and Accreditation

Media are welcome to cover the Mandela Peace Summit and to conduct press encounters, in accordance with the United Nations media accreditation procedure. The accreditation for the High-Level Meeting closes on 1 September 2018.

The information on press encounters can be found at the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit (MALU) website, under Media Alert (<http://www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/alert.shtml>). For any other media inquiry other than accreditation, please contact the Office of the President of the General Assembly (Ms Katharina Kandt at +1 917 367 6957 or email at kandt@un.org).

Regarding accreditation, media accompanying Heads of State or Government or Heads of Delegation, including official photo and video, must request media passes in advance through the eAccreditation system on the e-Delegate portal: <https://delegate.un.int/>. Media members who wish to apply independently should follow the instructions at: <http://www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/accreditation.shtml>.

All members of the media, with valid pass, will be escorted to designated media areas by MALU. Questions or concerns should be directed to MALU at malu@un.org or 212-963-6934.

Information on media arrangements during the high-level week can be found at <http://www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/unga.shtml>

Follow the Meeting Online

Webcast: The Peace Summit, including the opening segment and the plenary meeting, will be officially livestreamed through United Nations webcast at <http://webtv.un.org>.

Documentation, Statements, Non-official language interpretation :

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements are invited to submit PDF versions of their statements via email to papersmart@un.org. no later than two hours in advance of delivery. The name of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the email and in the heading of the statement. The statements will remain embargoed until their delivery and then posted. Only statements presented during the course of the meeting will be posted.

Statements made in any of the six official languages of the General Assembly are interpreted into the other official languages. Any speaker may also make a statement in a language other than the official languages. In such cases, in accordance with rule 53 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, the delegation in question must provide either an interpreter from the non-official language into an official language, or a written text of the statement in one of the official languages to be read out by a United Nations interpreter. On the basis of this interpretation or the written text which is accepted by the Secretariat as representing the

official text of the statement, it will be interpreted into the other official languages by United Nations interpreters.

When a written text is provided, the delegation concerned should make available to the interpreter someone who knows the language in which the statement is to be delivered and the official language into which it has been translated, to guide the interpreter through the translated text and to ensure synchronization between the speaker and the interpreter.

Detailed arrangements for interpretation from non-official languages, including access by non-United Nations interpreters to the interpreter booths in the General Assembly Hall, must be made in advance through the Meetings Management. The interpreter or the guide provided by the delegation should be brought by the delegation to the conference officers' desk in front of the General Assembly Hall 30 minutes prior to the delivery of the statement.

Concept Note

Nelson Mandela Peace Summit

24 September 2018, General Assembly Hall, New York

9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Overview

The General Assembly, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/243, decided to convene a high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly, to be known as the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit, a day before the start of the general debate of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly.

The focus of the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit is on Global Peace in honour of the centenary of the birth of Nelson Mandela. Nelson Mandela's legacy has become synonymous with the promotion of peace, reconciliation, unity, non-discrimination, protection and promotion of human rights.

This Peace Summit offers the opportunity for world leaders to renew their commitment to global peace, conflict prevention, conflict resolution, peacebuilding, promotion and protection of human rights and long-term development initiatives as called for by the Secretary General. The Peace Summit will also adopt a political declaration which will reaffirm the values of Nelson Mandela.

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Preliminary Draft Programme

Monday, 24 September 2018

Opening segment (9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a. m., GA Hall)

UN System representatives (Secretary-General & President of the General Assembly of the seventy-third session)

Chairperson of the African Union Commission

Eminent Person

Civil Society Representative

Plenary debate (10:30 a.m.- 6 p.m., GA Hall)