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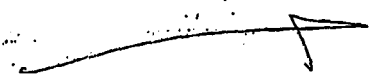
The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to relevant United Nations specialized agencies, bodies, funds, programmes, regional commissions and other entities and has the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 65/36 on the Programme of activities of the International Year for People of African Descent.

In this resolution the General Assembly reaffirmed "its resolution 64/169 of 18 December 2009, in which it proclaimed the year beginning on 1 January 2011 the International Year for People of African Descent" and further recalled that it "encouraged Member States and the specialized agencies of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates and existing resources, to identify possible initiatives that could contribute to the success of the Year".

Furthermore, the General Assembly requested "the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session a report on progress and the implementation of the present resolution".

In compliance with the request contained in the above mentioned resolution, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights invites relevant United Nations specialized agencies, bodies, funds, programmes, regional commissions and other entities to transmit information on the activities that they have carried out as well as those activities that they plan to carry out in the context of the International Year for People of African Descent. They are kindly requested to forward their inputs in electronic format to Richard Clarke at rclarke@ohchr.org by 15 May 2011.

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights seizes this opportunity to renew to the United Nations specialized agencies, bodies, funds, programmes, regional commissions and other entities the assurance of its highest consideration.



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