Dear Sir, dear Madam,

In accordance with the letter dated 4 March 2021 of His Excellency Volkan BOZKIR, President of the General Assembly, appointing us as co-facilitators to lead consultations on the intergovernmental process to define the modalities, format, and the substantive and procedural aspects of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent, we have the honour to communicate to you our invitation to fully engage with this collective effort.

As we start the process of consulting Member States during this last week of March, we would like to make explicit our willingness to make ourselves available to any platform, organization, group, community and experts from civil society, including representatives of people of African descent, who would like to share their written advice or preliminary views.

The submissions will be public and the co-facilitators are committed to conduct an open, inclusive and transparent consultation process, for which they envision to issue a draft outline document on 6 April and organize a virtual informal consultation with all stakeholders on 9 April.

Your active participation and contributions will be very much welcomed and appreciated, as we rely on your rich experiences and perspectives to achieve together the establishment of the Permanent Forum. If you have further requests or suggestions, please contact decadepadgeneva@ohchr.org;

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Ammo Aziza Baroud, Ambassador
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