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The Chief of Protocol of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers accredited to the United Nations and to the heads of Liaison offices of the United Nations Specialized agencies stationed in New York and has the honour to invite them to attend a Wreath-Laying Ceremony on **Tuesday, 12 September 2017, at 9:45 am**, commemorating the 56th anniversary of the death of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Dag Hammarskjöld and those who accompanied him on his last mission of peace. The Secretary-General will lay the wreath in the Visitors Lobby, outside the Meditation Room.

Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers accredited to the United Nations and the heads of Liaison offices of the United Nations Specialized agencies stationed in New York are also invited to attend the ringing of the Peace Bell by the Secretary-General on **Friday, 15 September 2017, at 9:00 am**, in observance of the International Day of Peace. The Secretary-General will deliver a message of peace on the occasion. The ceremony will take place in the Japanese Garden, which can be accessed from the Secretariat circle.

Participants of both above-mentioned events are expected to gather at the sites fifteen minutes prior to the events. Please note that, for the Peace Bell ceremony, all participants should gather on the lawn outside of the General Assembly Building, which can be accessed from the sidewalk around the Secretariat circle. There will be no access to the ceremony from the doors inside the Conference Building.

The Chief of Protocol of the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers accredited to the United Nations and to heads of Liaison offices of the United Nations Specialized agencies stationed in New York, the assurances of his highest consideration.

