As of 24 March 2023

Commemoration of the International Day of Vesak 2023

Thursday, 18 May 2023

Trusteeship Council, United Nations Headquarters, New York

Draft Programme

3.30 p.m. Vesak Devotional Songs by a Group of Sri Lankan Children (TBC)

3.35 p.m. Welcome Remarks by H.E. Mr. Suriya Chindawongse, Permanent Representative of Thailand to the UN

3.40 p.m. Remarks by H.E. Csaba Korosi, President of the General Assembly

3.45 p.m. Remarks by Hon. (Thailand – the level of participation to be confirmed) (Video)

3.50 p.m. Remarks by Hon. (Sri Lanka – the level of participation to be confirmed) (Video)

3.55 p.m. Remarks by H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations

4.00 p.m. Religious Blessings (Mahayana Tradition: Vietnam or Japan - TBC)

4.05 p.m. Brief Sermon (Theravada Tradition: Sri Lanka and Thailand)

4.15 p.m. Statement by Participating Member States (3 min each- list of speakers to be confirmed)

5.15 p.m. Closing Remarks by H.E. Mr. Mohan Pieris, Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the UN

5.20 p.m. Group photo

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