30 March 2023

Excellency,

Pursuant to the General Assembly Resolution 54/115 on International recognition of the Day of Vesak at United Nations Headquarters and other United Nations offices which commemorates the birth, enlightenment, and the passing of the Lord Buddha, we have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations and the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations will be co-hosting this year's Commemoration of the International Day of Vesak on Thursday, 18th May 2023, from 15.30 - 17.00 hrs. at the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The programme will tentatively include the high-level segment, religious blessings and brief sermons from the Theravada and Mahayana Buddhist traditions as well as statements by participating Member States. We anticipate Buddhists and non-Buddhists from within the United Nations, venerable members of the Buddhist clergy and the general public joining to witness this event.

In this regard, we have the further honour to cordially invite Your Excellency to participate in this event by delivering brief remarks of 3-5 minutes at the high-level segment of the event or by way of a video message, to signify this auspicious occasion celebrated by Buddhists the world over. We look forward to welcoming Your Excellency at the commemoration this year.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of our highest consideration.

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Suriya Chindawongse
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of Thailand to the United Nations

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His Excellency Mr. António Guterres
Secretary-General of the United Nations