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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PEACE

Note verbale dated 11 September 1986 from the Permanent  
Mission of Suriname to the United Nations addressed to  
the Secretary-General

The Acting Permanent Representative of the Republic of Suriname to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the latter's note, dated 16 May 1983, concerning the International Year of Peace, has the honour to transmit herewith the programme of activities in Suriname for the International Year of Peace (see annex).

The Acting Permanent Representative would be grateful if the Secretary-General would have this note and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 21 of the provisional agenda.

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ANNEX

Activities in Suriname for the International Year of Peace

1. On 27 March 1986, the Minister for Foreign Affairs established the National Committee for the International Year of Peace.

2. This Committee, in which the Government is represented by four persons, consists of the following organizations:

Private organizations;

Trade unions;

Employers' organizations;

Agricultural labourers;

Womens' organizations;

Youth organizations;

Cultural organizations;

Media employees.

3. The Committee began its activities on 1 August 1986 with a successful seminar on peace, disarmament and development. More than 100 organizations participated in this seminar. One of the resolutions adopted at the seminar concerns the foundation of an Institute for Peace, for which preparations are underway.

4. Peace marches in various districts were organized from 25 to 31 August. These activities were concluded with a peace walk and ceremony on 31 August 1986 in the "Palmen Tuin" (Palm Garden).

5. The following are the planned activities for the rest of 1986:

4-11 October: theatre festival

Middle of October: a competition on the modelling of a Dove of Peace

24-31 October: Week of Peace

24 October: peace demonstration of children and the proclamation of the National Day of Peace and the opening of the peace exhibition

25 October: distribution prizes

26 October: national ecumenical service

26 October: flower homage to the aged

27 October: cultural evening with choirs, dance, music and declamation

28 October: evening of the friendship committee, China

29 October: television movie in co-operation with the Suriname State  
Television Station

30 October: tribunal

31 October: cultural displays and closing of the exhibition

3-7 November: folklore festival

December/January: closing ceremony of the Year of Peace

6. It is the intention of the National Committee to organize lectures on this subject during the Week of Peace. Lectures will also be prepared for the schools before the commencement of the Week of Peace.

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