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Office of the Resident Coordinator in Serbia

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Subject: Support to the Celebration of the First International Day of Yoga in Serbia

The United Nations Country Team in Serbia receives gladly the news about the UN Resolution passed during the 69th General Assembly session in September 2014 declaring the establishment of the International Day of Yoga.

In his message on the passage of the resolution, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said in declaring 21 June the International Day of Yoga, the General Assembly has brought attention to the holistic benefits of the ancient practice on health and well-being in the modern world : “Yoga can contribute to resilience against non-communicable diseases and can bring communities together in an inclusive manner that generates respect. Yoga is a sport that can contribute to development and peace and can even help people in emergency situations to find relief from stress.”

The United Nations Country Team in Serbia is fully committed to promoting the healthy lifestyles through its development activities in Serbia. The new Development Partnership Framework of the United Nations Country Team and the Government of the Republic of Serbia for the period 2016-2020 makes provision for active work in advancing the health and education of the population in Serbia. Promoting culture for development is also an important part of our work in Serbia.

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Later this year, United Nations will celebrate its 70th anniversary and the launch of the new global post 2015 development agenda, Sustainable Development Goals. We will be glad to partner with the Embassy of the Republic of India in Belgrade in celebrating all these important dates in the spirit of a partnership and cooperation. The first International Yoga Day celebration on 21 June 2015 can be considered the beginning of our joint work in raising awareness on the importance of social and cultural values, harmony, peace and security for the sustainable development of a society.

UN Country Team will use its website and social media to inform the wide public in Serbia about the celebration of the International Yoga Day in Serbia on 21 June at 07:00 a.m. I will be delighted to join the press event organized by the Embassy of the Republic of India on 11 June at 12:00 and in the spirit of through partnership support the celebration of this important international day.

On behalf of the United Nations Country Team in Serbia we congratulate you the celebration of the first International Yoga Day and look forward to our future cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Irena Vojacková-Sollorano'.

Irena Vojacková-Sollorano
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