



Excellency Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General
UN Headquarters
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Your Excellency,

For several millennia many nations have celebrated the first day of spring, falling on the Vernal Equinox as their new year. Today, nearly 300 million people around the world celebrate the first day of spring as their new year, better known as Norooz/Norouz/Nowruz (New Day). Nearly all of these celebrants live in UN member nations. Unfortunately, none of the UN calendars or affiliated agencies commemorate this important date as has been done for different celebrations of member nations.

We, the undersigned (list of signatures to date can be reviewed at www.pccus.org), request from your Excellency, bearer of the highest office of the United Nations, to kindly authorize the relevant agencies to correct this oversight for the upcoming calendars throughout the UN agencies.

Please accept our best wishes and deep gratitude for your attention to this important request. On behalf of all celebrants, at this joyous time of Norooz/Norouz.Nowruz, may I express our best wishes for your Excellency's good health and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Shahri Estakhry
Co-Founder
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Encl: About Norooz/Norouz.Nowruz