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PRESS RELEASE

On Thursday 22 July 2010 the South African Embassy in Vienna will visit the SOS Children's village to celebrate Nelson Mandela International Day. Nelson Mandela International Day was proclaimed by the United Nations in 2009 in honour of the work and life of Mr Nelson Mandela.

During this day people worldwide are asked to spend 67 minutes of their time helping others who are in need. The 67 minutes represents the 67 years of Mr Mandela's adult life during which he worked for peace, justice and human rights.

During the visit the South African Embassy will donate books and gifts to the SOS Children's village. Among the books is one that contains South African children's stories, translated into German, personally selected by Mr Mandela.

"We are pleased to be visiting the SOS Children's Village. Nelson Mandela International Day asks us to pause and see what we can do to help others who are in need. It is a day for celebrating our common humanity and recommit to the values of justice and peace" said Ambassador Xolisa Mabhongo.