

THE UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT

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Transmitted by email

To all National Spiritual Assemblies

Dear Bahá'í Friends,

As you know from the letter dated 2 May 2017 concerning endeavours associated with the commemoration of the bicentenary of the Birth of Bahá'u'lláh, the Universal House of Justice has commissioned the production of a film to mark that auspicious occasion. We have been asked to share the following information to assist you in making the necessary preparations so that the film can be shown widely in conjunction with the bicentenary celebrations, thus enriching the joyous festivities. The exact manner in which the film, which is expected to be approximately 60 minutes in duration, is utilized will naturally depend on local circumstances.

It is anticipated that by late August 2017 a low-resolution version of the film, together with the full transcript in English, as well as technical and other related information, will be made available to National Spiritual Assemblies. This will enable translation work to commence, wherever relevant, in preparation for the production of versions in local languages through subtitling or dubbing. Assemblies may find it advisable to determine beforehand, in consultation with the Counsellors, the languages into which the film script should be translated and to appoint a translation team in readiness for this task, as this work will require immediate attention once the transcript has been received by your Assembly.

The completed film, including subtitled versions prepared at the Bahá'í World Centre in Arabic, English, French, Persian, Russian, and Spanish, will be made available online for National Spiritual Assemblies to download by mid-September 2017. The timing of the distribution is intended to allow sufficient time for the production of other language versions and for the widespread dissemination of the film in an effective and appropriate manner.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

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