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I send my warmest greetings to all who are gathered for the 8th Annual Daniel Pearl World Music Days.

Music has been called a universal language that transcends cultures and borders. Its power to move us, touch our hearts, and speak to our souls enriches our lives. Through artistic creativity and expression, music can build bridges between individuals and communities thousands of miles apart.

This month-long event to celebrate music and honor the legacy of Daniel Pearl is a fitting tribute to a man who promoted respect and dialogue throughout the world. On this occasion, we recommit ourselves to tolerance, compassion, and “harmony for humanity.”

I wish you all the best for an enjoyable event.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barack Obama". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a large initial "B" and a prominent "O".