



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13 March 2014

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to enclose herewith a letter from H.E. Mr. František Ružička, Permanent Representative of Slovakia and H.E. Mr. Norachit Sinhaseni, Permanent Representative of Thailand, Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group (AHWG) on the Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, concerning the AHWG's program of work for the thematic discussions in the coming weeks.

The first thematic meeting, on the role and authority of the General Assembly, has been scheduled to take place on Friday, 21 March 2014 at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

I look forward to your continued active participation in the proceedings of the Ad Hoc Working Group during the sixty-eighth session with a view to further strengthening the central position of the General Assembly as the chief deliberative, policymaking and representative organ of the United Nations.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John W. Ashe".

John W. Ashe

To All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York



Permanent Mission of Slovakia
to the United Nations



Permanent Mission of Thailand
to the United Nations

10 March 2014

Excellency,

In our capacity as Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (AHWG), we would like to thank all delegations for their active participation in the first meeting of the AHWG which was held on 4 March 2014. Having carefully considered the positions and contributions of Member States during that meeting, we are now pleased to share with you a tentative program of work for the Working Group's thematic discussions in the coming weeks.

Following with past practice, we intend to convene four thematic meetings as follows:

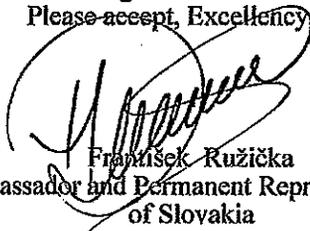
- **The first thematic meeting on the role and authority of the General Assembly**, on 21 March 2014 at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.
- **The second thematic meeting on working methods**, on 4 April 2014 at 3 p.m. in the ECOSOC Chamber. It is our intention to invite the Chairs of the Main Committees to participate in this meeting to brief the AHWG in accordance with operative paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 67/297.
- **The third thematic meeting on the selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and the other executive heads**, on 28 April 2014 at 3 p.m. in the ECOSOC Chamber.
- **The fourth thematic meeting on the strengthening of the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly** on 16 May 2014 at 10 a.m. in the ECOSOC Chamber. This meeting will also include briefings by the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management on the role, mandate and activities of the President and on the sources of the funding and staffing of the Office of the President, respectively.

As Co-Chairs we continue to be committed to the AHWG's mandate contained in General Assembly resolution 67/297, to "identify further ways to enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on the progress achieved in past sessions as well as on previous resolutions, including evaluating the status of their implementation."

In this regard, delegations are invited to continue to review and comment on the draft updated inventory, that has now been posted on the new web link devoted to the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (<http://www.un.org/en/ga/revitalization/>), and to base their comments under the various clusters on it.

We look forward to your active participation in the forthcoming meetings of the AHWG which will assist us in the drafting of a resolution that we intend to circulate after the final thematic meeting.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



František Ružička
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of Slovakia



Norachit Sinhaseni
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of Thailand

To: All Permanent Representatives to the United Nations, New York