



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

5 January, 2016

Excellency,

Pursuant to my earlier letters on the same subject, the latest dated 2 December 2015, and as part of my intention to carry out my mandate in a transparent and open manner, I have the honour to transmit herewith a memo from my recent meeting with the President of the Security Council for the month of January 2016, H.E. Mr. Elbio Rosselli, Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the United Nations.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mogens Lykketoft', written in a cursive style.

Mogens Lykketoft

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

PGA Office Memo: Meeting between the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council for the month of January 2016, the Permanent Representative of Uruguay, on 22 December 2015.

The President of the General Assembly met on 22 December 2015 with the President of the Security Council for the month of January 2016, H.E. Mr. Elbio Rosselli, Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the United Nations.

The Permanent Representative of Uruguay briefed the President of the General Assembly on the Security Council's provisional Programme of Work for January, emphasising transparency and information to Member States as a key priority, including through a planned concluding wrap-up session at the end of January. The January provisional programme of work contained some significant highlights, including two open debates on protection of civilians and the Middle East, respectively, the latter to be presided over by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay and featuring a briefing by the Secretary-General. In addition, numerous meetings were scheduled as part of the regular programme of work. On the question of the selection and appointment process of the next Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Permanent Representative of Uruguay confirmed his readiness – as President of the Security Council for January and consistent with the joint letter of the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council dated 15 December 2015 (A/70/623-S/2015/988) – to jointly circulate to all Member States the names of individuals submitted for consideration received during the month of January.

The President of the General Assembly thanked Ambassador Rosselli for his briefing and – recalling the joint letter of the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council dated 15 December 2015 (A/70/623-S/2015/988) – underscored that presentation of candidates should be addressed to both Presidents, who will jointly circulate the names of individuals on an ongoing basis. The President of the General Assembly further stressed that he was currently considering the format and modalities of the informal dialogues or meetings with candidates that he was mandated to offer, estimating that such informal dialogues or meetings could possibly start by the end of March or early April, depending on the number of candidates presented by that time.