



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1 June 2016

Excellency,

Pursuant to my earlier letters on the same subject, the latest dated 3 May 2016, 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 June 2016, H.E. Mr. François Delattre, Permanent Representative of the French Republic to the United Nations.

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

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

Mogens Lykketoft

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 June 2016, the Permanent Representative of the French Republic, on 13 May 2016.

The President of the General Assembly met on 13 May 2016 with the President of the Security Council for the month of June 2016, H.E. Mr. François Delattre, Permanent Representative of the French Republic to the United Nations.

The Permanent Representative of the French Republic briefed the President of the General Assembly on the Security Council's provisional Programme of Work for June stressing the keen interest of the Presidency to coordinate closely with the President of the General Assembly, not least on any questions related to the continued selection and appointment process of the next Secretary-General of the United Nations. Overall, the provisional program of work for June was very busy with a number of periodic agenda items related to on-going business of the Security Council. The Permanent Representative of the French Republic highlighted the intention to schedule a ministerial-level open debate of the Security Council devoted to the issue of protection of civilians in peacekeeping. It was further recalled that June would also be the first time elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council would take place as per the revised election schedule.

The President of the General Assembly thanked Ambassador Delattre for his briefing and – referring to the selection and appointment process of the next Secretary-General of the United Nations – recalled that the informal dialogues with candidates for the position of Secretary-General that had taken place on 12 through 14 April had established a new standard for transparency and inclusivity, making the dialogues an integral part of the process. Close cooperation and coordination with each presidency of the Security Council had made this possible for which the President of the General Assembly expressed his appreciation. Taking into account circumstances, the President of the General Assembly further highlighted that he expected to organise another round of informal dialogues with new candidates on 7 June 2016, and possibly 6 June, depending on the number of new candidates that would come forward. In this context, the President of the General Assembly recalled that he strongly encouraged any new candidates to come forward. Both reconfirmed that any presentation of new candidates will be expeditiously circulated to Member States. Finally, both agreed that it was important to continue the process on an on-going basis, including timely exchange of information between the two bodies related to new developments, as well as by considering how best to bridge the process between the two bodies building on the expectations of Member States.