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Excellency,

Further to my latest letter dated 12 November 2015 on the same subject, I have the honour to transmit to you a memo from my recent meeting with the President of the Security Council for the month of December, H.E. Ms. Samantha Power, Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

As part of my intention to carry out my mandate in a transparent and open manner, it is my goal to continue to keep Members informed about my monthly meetings with the Presidents of the Security Council.

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

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 December 2015, the Permanent Representative of the United States of America, on 25 November 2015.

The President of the General Assembly met on 25 November 2015 with the President of the Security Council for the month of December, H.E. Ms. Samantha Power, Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

The President of the Security Council briefed the President of the General Assembly on the Security Council's provisional Programme of Work for December. From the December provisional programme of work the President of the Security Council highlighted a continued focus on events in the Middle East and Africa, including developments in Syria, Yemen, Central African Republic and South Sudan. In the same vein, the provisional programme of work included emphasis on links between peace and security and human rights issues of both a context-specific and thematic nature. On the question of the selection and appointment process of the next Secretary-General of the United Nations, the President of the Security Council recognized that the question of a joint letter was still under consideration within the Security Council and engaged to pursue the matter.

The President of the General Assembly thanked Ambassador Power for her briefing and stressed the importance of being able to move forward on the question of the selection and appointment process of the next Secretary-General, as Member States had requested in resolution 69/321, which had been adopted by consensus. He further underlined that, in his capacity as President of the General Assembly, he was ready to move forward based on the latest draft joint letter prepared in close consultation with the November President of the Council.