



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

11 October 2016

Excellency,

Further to my letter of 7 October 2016, and as a result of comprehensive consultations with Member States and interested groups by my Special Advisers, I have the honour to circulate a Presidential text which I intend to submit as a draft resolution to be issued as document A/71/L.4.

I also have the honour to inform you that the date for the appointment of the Secretary-General under agenda item 113 has been set for Thursday 13 October 2016, at 10.00 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

It is my intention to convene this meeting in a public format in line with past practice and the General Assembly's call for increased transparency in the selection and appointment process. Furthermore, in line with the general desire of Member States, it is my earnest wish that this Presidential text be adopted by acclamation.

Also as in previous occasions the adoption will be followed by statements by the Chairs of the five Regional Groups and the host country. Pursuant to my previous letters, I will convene an informal meeting of the plenary on Wednesday 19 October at 3.00 p.m. with the Secretary-General-designate, where all Member States and groups will be welcome to speak.

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

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

Peter Thomson

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

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* Chapter XV of the Charter of the United Nations and reaffirming the role of the General Assembly under Article 97,

*Welcoming* the process of selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and its timely conclusion, guided by the principles of transparency and inclusivity as set out in its resolutions 69/321 of 11 September 2015 and 70/305 of 13 September 2016, including the organization of informal dialogues with all candidates for the position of Secretary-General,

*Having considered* the recommendation contained in Security Council resolution 2311 (2016) of 6 October 2016,

*Appoints* Mr. António Guterres Secretary-General of the United Nations for a term of office beginning on 1 January 2017 and ending on 31 December 2021.