



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13 June 2017

Excellency,

SDG12 urges us to follow lifestyles in harmony with nature. I note that on 5 June 2017 the Office of the Central Support Services issued an email to UN staff encouraging them to dress in lighter clothing, including national dress, for the summer months. The email is in conformity with the Organization's commitment to use energy wisely through our "Cool UN" policy.

I wish to advise that until the end of August, I will be dressing in light summer wear at work and at official functions. I encourage others to dress appropriately to cope with the heat we are and will be experiencing in New York this summer.

As representatives of our countries and the United Nations we are expected to maintain standards of dress appropriate to our office; and I am confident we will all exercise decorum in our choice of summer attire. As always, Nelson Mandela's words serve as guide, in saying, "Appearances matter - and remember to smile".

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

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and Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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