

THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

25 April 2017

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (AHWG), H.E. Mr. Vladimir Drobnjak, Permanent Representative of Croatia and H.E. Ms. Lana Zaki Nusseibeh, Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates, on the informal meeting of the AHWG to be held on 15 May 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the ECOSOC Chamber.

I look forward to your active participation in the informal meeting, as well as in the fourth thematic debate on the Strengthening of the accountability, transparency and institutional memory of the Office of the PGA on 28 April 2017.

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

Peter Thomson

To All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers of the United Nations New York





24 April 2017

Excellency,

In our capacity as Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (AHWG), we wish to inform you that following the request of several Member States, the Co-Chairs will **organize an informal meeting to be held on 15 May at 10am in the ECOSOC Chamber**. The meeting is in response to the call for a continuation of the interactive dialogue that was held between permanent missions and the Secretariat on 15 March 2017 as mandated by paragraph 10 of resolution 70/305. Delegations are invited to submit any issues of interest or concern that they would like to raise with the Secretariat. Please kindly send these to Maja Šimunić at <u>Maja.Simunic@mvep.hr</u> and Anna Rubio-Reich at <u>research5.ny@mofaic.gov.ae</u> by 10 May.

The meeting will also provide an opportunity for Member States to assess and reflect on the innovative proposals outlined by the Secretariat on the possible changes to the format and production of the UN Journal pursuant to paragraph 33 of resolution 70/305. The meeting will therefore be structured in two parts: during the first part, Member States will hold an interactive dialogue with the Secretariat representatives; followed by the assessment among Member States of the way forward on the Journal. Secretariat representation will remain available during this second part of the meeting, should delegations wish to raise any related questions.

We take this opportunity to remind Member States that the fourth thematic debate of the AHWG will be held on 28 April and look forward to their active engagement on the Strengthening the accountability, transparency and institutional memory of the Office of the PGA.

The Co-Chairs remain available to assist Member States throughout the process in the months to come.

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

Vladimir Drobnjak Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Croatia

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To: All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations, New York