



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

30 August 2017

Excellency,

I wish to refer to General Assembly resolution 71/287 of 4 May 2017 related to modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the appraisal of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons that is scheduled for 27-28 September 2017.

I am pleased to inform you that pursuant to paragraph 2 of the afore-mentioned resolution, I intend to appoint Ambassador Marc Pecsteen de Buytswerve as chair of the interactive panel discussion 1 entitled “The Global Plan of Action and effective partnerships for the prevention and prosecution of trafficking in persons: achievements, gaps and challenges, also taking into consideration the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals”, while Ambassador Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani will chair panel discussion 2 entitled “The Global Plan of Action and effective partnerships for the protection of and assistance to victims, including through the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, also taking into consideration the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals”.

Furthermore, I would like to inform you that pursuant to the same paragraph of the afore-mentioned resolution, I have requested Ms. Mira Sorvino, Goodwill Ambassador for the Global Fight against Human Trafficking and Ms. Grizelda Grootboom to speak at the opening plenary, in their capacity as an eminent person actively engaged in the fight against trafficking in persons and a representative of civil society.

Let me seize this opportunity to encourage all Member States to participate at the highest level possible in order to renew commitment and political will to take decisive action to end human trafficking.

Further information on the organizational arrangements related to the high-level meeting will be communicated in due time.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson'.

Peter Thomson

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Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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