



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

23 January 2017

Excellency,

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/160 of 17 December 2015, I will convene a high-level meeting to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

The meeting will be held on 17 February 2017, from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

This important event will provide us an opportunity to review the positive impact of the Convention during these first ten years and to discuss ways and best practices to prevent enforced disappearances, to combat impunity and to promote and protect all human rights for all.

A proposed preliminary program for the High-level meeting is attached; further information will be circulated in due course.

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

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

Peter Thomson

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

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM FOR THE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING CONVENED BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO

COMMEMORATE THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL PERSONS FROM ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE

New York, 17 February 2017

10:00am – 10:40am OPENING SEGMENT

Opening remarks by the President and other invited speakers

10:40am – 1:00pm PLENARY SEGMENT

Member States, Observers, UN system and other stakeholders (if time permits) will deliver their statements from the floor.

Note: for those MSs who haven't been able to deliver their remarks in the morning segment, they will be given priority to speak during the interactive discussion of the panel discussion.

3:00 – 5:00pm PANEL DISCUSSION

Presentations by the panellists

Interactive discussion from the floor (open to MS, Observers, UN system and other stakeholders)

Moderator of the Panel discussion concludes the meeting.