



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

6 October 2016

Excellency,

I pledged that for the 71st Session, I would work to strengthen relations between the principal organs of the United Nations, and as part of my intention to carry out my mandate in a transparent and open manner, I have the honour to transmit herewith a memo from my first meeting with the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zimbabwe to the United Nations in New York.

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

PGA Office memo: Meeting between the President of the General Assembly and the President of Economic and Social Council on Wednesday 28th September 2016

The 71st President of the General Assembly H.E Mr Peter Thomson met with the 72nd President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava on Wednesday 28th September 2016.

The President of ECOSOC briefed the President of the General Assembly on some of the working arrangements for ECOSOC for the current session particularly those related to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. He confirmed that there are still some pending issues on some of the work of ECOSOC and highlighted the importance of preparing for the High Level Political Forum, the Financing for Development follow up and the upcoming review of ECOSOC which will take place during the 72nd session. He welcomed the opportunity to have this exchange in order to ensure coherence and seamless interaction between the GA and ECOSOC.

The President of the General Assembly thanked the President of ECOSOC for his briefing and he emphasised the importance of strengthening the relations between the two UN organs so that their work is mutually reinforcing and non-duplicative. He also discussed the issue of aligning the agendas of the GA and ECOSOC with the 2030 Agenda, and both agreed to continue to consult and work cooperatively on this important question. The PGA confirmed that his SDG strategy will look closely at the calendar of events of other key UN organs such as ECOSOC to avoid overlap. Thus he encouraged the President of ECOSOC to share the details of the work programme and other events organised by the ECOSOC once they are confirmed.

The President of the General Assembly and the President of ECOSOC agreed that it was important to continue the dialogue and this process of timely exchange of information between the two UN bodies, which will be important to the success of the work of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in the year ahead.