



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

5 May 2017

Excellency,

For your information, I have the honour to transmit a memo from my recent meeting with the President of the Security Council for the month of May 2017, H.E. Mr. Elbio Rosselli, Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the United Nations.

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 the Security Council for the month of May 2017, the Permanent Representative of Uruguay, on 1 May 2017.

The President of the General Assembly met on 1 May 2017 with the President of the Security Council for the month of May 2017, H.E. Mr. Elbio Rosselli, Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the United Nations.

The President of the Security Council briefed the President of the General Assembly (PGA) on the Security Council's provisional programme of work for May 2017. He stressed most of the meetings will be held in the open format in the Security Council Chamber, in order to promote openness and transparency. The main focus of Uruguay's presidency will be on protection of civilians in armed conflict, as well as on women, peace and security. In this regard, the Council will convene two open debates, namely (i) Women and peace and security: sexual violence in conflict (15 May 2017), and (ii) Protection of civilians in armed conflict, including healthcare in conflict, at ministerial level (25 May 2017).

The President of the Security Council also informed the PGA of the Council's upcoming visit to Colombia (3-5 May) to demonstrate support for the Colombian peace process. The President of the General Assembly also advised of his support to the Colombian peace process, referring to his recent meetings with the Foreign Minister and Permanent Representative of Colombia.

On peacekeeping, the President of the Security Council said the Council will convene a briefing by Force Commanders from active UN PKO (23 May). Furthermore, the Council will continue to discuss ongoing issues, including Syria (political, chemical weapons, humanitarian) and Yemen, among others.

The President of the General Assembly thanked the President of the Security Council for his briefing on the programme of work of the Security Council. He briefed the Permanent Representative of Uruguay on his upcoming trip to Europe (Belgium and Italy), Africa (Kenya, CAR, Uganda) and Asia (China) to further push the momentum on SDGs implementation, as well as to expressing the General Assembly's solidarity with UN peacekeeping missions. He further informed the President of the Security Council of the upcoming SDGs events, including the SDG Action Event on Innovation and Connectivity (17 May), The Ocean Conference (5-9 June) and Education (28 June). The PGA reiterated his call on all member states to register their voluntary commitments in support of SDG14 on the website of The Ocean Conference.

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