

10 April 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 April 2017, H.E. Ms. Nikki Haley, Permanent Representative of United States of America to the United Nations.

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

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 April 2017, the Permanent Representative of United States of America, on 4 April 2017.

The President of the General Assembly met on 4 April 2017 with the President of the Security Council for the month of April 2017, H.E. Ms. Nikki Haley, Permanent Representative of United States of America to the United Nations.

The Permanent Representative of United States of America briefed the President of the General Assembly (PGA) on the Security Council's provisional Programme of Work for April 2017 – the main focus of which will be (i) UN Peacekeeping operations, and (ii) Human rights and maintenance of international peace and security. On UN Peacekeeping operations, the Council will discuss whether current peacekeeping operations continue to be the best suited mechanism for meeting the needs of those on the ground and achieving the Council's political objectives (6 April 2017). On human rights, the Council will discuss how the Security Council addresses human rights abuses and the connection between human rights abuses and threats to regional and international peace and security.

The Permanent Representative of United States of America also informed the PGA on the emergency meeting on the chemical weapons attack in Syria (5 April 2017) and the thematic Ministerial Debate on Non-proliferation/DPRK with participation of Secretary of State, H.E. Mr. Rex Tillerson (28 April 2017). Furthermore, she also reiterated her commitment to enhance transparency in the Council's work, by having as many open meetings as possible.

The President of the General Assembly thanked the Permanent Representative of United States of America for her briefing on the provisional Programme of Work of the Security Council. He informed the Permanent Representative of the United States of America on his recent trip to Africa (Senegal, Ethiopia, and Egypt) to push implementation of SDGs, as well as to strengthen cooperation between the UN and regional organizations. The PGA also informed that he had a productive discussion with the President of Egypt on counterterrorism and countering radicalization efforts.

Furthermore, the PGA referred to his upcoming trips to Washington D.C to attend the World Bank/IMF Spring meetings (20-22 April 2017) and to Africa in May including to visit a peacekeeping mission, as well as his upcoming events on SDGs, namely SDG Action Event on Sustainable Finance (18 April 2017), SDG Action Event on Innovation (17 May 2017), Ocean Conference (5-9 June 2017) and High Level Event on Education (June 2017).

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