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Excellency,

Pursuant to paragraph 5 of the General Assembly Resolution 70/301, dated on 9 September 2016, entitled “Tackling illicit trafficking in wildlife”, and to the letter from the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, dated 6 February 2017, I have the honour to send herewith the provisional programme of the High-level thematic discussion on the global observance of World Wildlife Day, including on the protection of wild flora and fauna and on tackling illicit trafficking in wildlife.

The event will be convened on 3 March 2017, from 10:00am-1:00pm, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The President encourages Member States and other stakeholders’ to engage in interactive discussions with panellists and speakers on the on-going actions and challenges in our collective efforts to fight illicit wildlife trafficking.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TAC Christensen'.

Tomas Anker Christensen  
Chef de Cabinet

All Permanent Representatives  
and Permanent Observers  
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## High-level thematic discussion on the global observance of World Wildlife Day 2017

Trusteeship Council Chamber, UN Headquarters, 3 March 2017

### Provisional Programme

10:00-10:30	<p><b>Opening remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, President of the General Assembly of the United Nations</li><li>• H.E. Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations</li><li>• H.E. Ms. Edna Molewa, Minister of Environmental Affairs, South Africa (TBC)</li><li>• H.E. Mr. Yuri Fedotov, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)</li><li>• Mr. John E. Scanlon, Secretary General of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)</li></ul>
10:30-11:00	<p><b>Panel 1: Tackling illicit trafficking of wildlife and protecting wild fauna and flora</b> Moderated by Ms. Valerie Hickey, Practice Manager, World Bank</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• H.E. Mr. Liu Jieyi, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations,</li><li>• H.E. Mr. Jürgen Schulz, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations</li><li>• Mr. Emmanuel Roux, International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL),</li><li>• Mr. Leigh Winchell, Deputy Director of the Compliance and Facilitation Directorate World Customs Organization (WCO),</li><li>• Mr. Cristián Samper, President and CEO of Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS),</li></ul>
11:00-11:45	<p><b>Interactive discussion</b> (Member States and other relevant stakeholders)</p>
11:45-12:15	<p><b>Panel 2: Listen to the young voices – presentations on role of the youth in protecting wildlife</b> Moderated by Mr. Nik Sekhran, Director for Sustainable Development, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• H.E. Mr. Baudelaire Ndong Ella, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations,</li></ul>

<p>12:15- 12:55</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Marie Paule Roudil, Director, UNESCO Office in New York,</li> <li>• Mr Terry Macko, Senior Vice President, Marketing and Communications, WWF-US,</li> <li>• Ms. Swetha Stotra Bhashyam, youth representative,</li> <li>• Mr Carter Ries, One More Generation,</li> </ul> <p><b>Interactive discussion</b> (Member States and other relevant stakeholders)</p>
<p>12:55- 13:00</p>	<p>Presentation of certificate to the grand prize winner of WWD2017 photo competition - "Through young eyes"</p>