



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

31 May 2017

Excellency,

I wish to refer to General Assembly resolution 71/244 on South-South Cooperation, adopted by the Assembly on 21 December 2016.

Pursuant to paragraph 30 of this resolution, and further to consultations with Member States and regional groups, I have decided to appoint His Excellency Mr. Adonia Ayebare, Permanent Representative of Uganda and President of the High-Level Committee on South-South Cooperation, supported by the bureau of the High-Level Committee, to lead the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations with a view to the adoption, by the Assembly, of a resolution on the nature, date, objectives and modalities of the High-Level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation.

I would like to thank Ambassador Ayebare and, through him, the bureau of the High-Level Committee on South-South Cooperation, for accepting this very important responsibility. I trust you will extend your full support and cooperation to him.

Given the short time available and the work-pressure on delegations at this time of the year, I urge all delegations to work towards reaching agreement in the most efficient manner possible.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson', written in a cursive style.

Peter Thomson

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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