



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

18 April 2017

Excellency,

By resolution 71/209, the General Assembly invited the President of the General Assembly, in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and with the involvement of relevant stakeholders, to hold, within existing resources and after the completion of the twenty-sixth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, a high-level debate to observe the twenty-fifth anniversary of the assassination of Judge Giovanni Falcone, focusing on the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (Palermo Convention) and the Protocols thereto and highlighting emerging trends and challenges in crime prevention and criminal justice and their impact on sustainable development.

I have the honour to inform you that this high-level debate will take place as a one-day meeting, on Monday, 19 June 2017, and will consist of an opening segment, high-level statements, two interactive panel discussions and concluding remarks. In accordance with resolution 71/209, a President's summary of the discussion will be prepared for transmission to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and to all Member States.

I extend an invitation to Member States to be represented at the highest possible level at this meeting of the General Assembly. Further information on the program of work, including a concept note, will be made available in due course.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson'.

Peter Thomson

All Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers
to the United Nations
New York