



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

7 July 2017

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit a letter from His Excellency Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, President-elect of the 72nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance 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



Miroslav Lajčák
Minister of Foreign and European Affairs
of the Slovak Republic

Bratislava 1 July 2017

Dear Mr. President,

In accordance with the General Assembly resolution 58/126 „Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly“, the President-elect of the General Assembly is to propose an issue, or issues, of global concern upon which the Member States will be invited to comment during the General Debate at the forthcoming session of the General Assembly.

Following consultations with Member States, and in line with the compelling emphasis to see the United Nations as a modern institution that provides hope, prevents people from suffering and offers solutions for the most urgent issues humankind is facing, and in accordance with the six priorities I have outlined in my acceptance speech before the General Assembly on May 31st, 2017, I propose the theme of the 72nd General Debate to be as follows (*see Enclosure – for unofficial translation*):

"Focusing on people: striving for peace and a decent life for all on a sustainable planet"

I would be grateful if Your Excellency could circulate this letter to all Member States to assist their preparations for the forthcoming General Debate.

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

Miroslav Lajčák
President-Elect of the 72nd Session of the General Assembly

Enclosure/Encl./Enc.

Unofficial translation of the proposed theme for the 72nd General Debate to six official UN languages

His Excellency
Mr. Peter Thomson
President of the 71th Session
United Nations General Assembly
United Nations
New York

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Focusing on people: striving for peace and a decent life for all on a sustainable planet

Priorité à l'être humain: paix et vie décente pour tous sur une planète préservée

Centrados en las personas: por la paz y una vida decente para todos en un planeta sostenible

以人为本——为全人类在可持续的地球上享有和平与体面生活而奋斗

مستدام كوكب على الكريم العيش و السلام لتحقيق السعي: الإنسان محورية

"С акцентом на человеке: в стремлении обеспечить мир и достойную жизнь для всех на жизнеспособной планете"