



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

4 October 2017

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a memo from my meeting on 2 October 2017 with the President of the Economic and Social Council, Her Excellency Ms. Marie Chatardová, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the United Nations in New York, as part of my commitment to strengthen collaboration and coordination between the principal organs of the United Nations.

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

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

Miroslav Lajčák

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

Meeting between the President of the General Assembly and the President of Economic and Social Council on Monday 2 October 2017

The President of the 72nd session of the General Assembly, H.E Mr. Miroslav Lajčák met, for the first time, with the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Ms. Marie Chatardová, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the United Nations on Monday 2 October 2017 as part of their efforts to strengthen relations between the principal organs of the UN and ensure close collaboration and coherence in the work of the General Assembly and ECOSOC. The two Presidents agreed to meet regularly, preferably on a monthly basis.

The two Presidents exchanged views on recent events and developments on issues, which the two organs have a shared interest and highlight where they can work together, in particular the following issues:

The ECOSOC review process

The President of the General Assembly and the President of the ECOSOC discussed the implementation of the mandate of the General Assembly resolution 68/1 entitled “Review of the implementation of GA resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council”. Both agreed on the need to ensure that the process is inclusive, transparent and Member State driven. The PGA informed that he intends to appoint co-facilitators in order to give sufficient time for Member States to engage in intergovernmental consultations. The President of ECOSOC expressed her availability to provide her full support to ensure the success of the review.

Alignment of the agendas of the GA, the ECOSOC and their subsidiary bodies with the 2030 Agenda

The President of the General Assembly and the President of ECOSOC mentioned another important subject of mutual interest, the implementation of the mandates of GA resolution 71/323 on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly related to the alignment of the Agendas of the General Assembly, ECOSOC and their subsidiary bodies as well as the HLPF to the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development. More details will be discussed in due course.

Joint meeting of the ECOSOC and Second Committee

The President of ECOSOC informed the President of the General Assembly of the Joint Meeting of the ECOSOC and the Second Committee, scheduled for 11 October 2017, on the theme entitled: “The future of everything: Sustainable Development in the age of rapid technological change”, and invited the President to address the meeting.

Special meeting on natural disasters

The President of ECOSOC informed the President of the General Assembly of the special meeting she will convene on 24 October 2017 dedicated to the critical issue of natural disasters, in light of the recent hurricanes that affected many Caribbean countries and the United States as well as the earthquake that affected Mexico. She

also invited the PGA to participate and address the meeting. The President welcomed the meeting and the invitation.

2018 ECOSOC Special Meeting

The President of ECOSOC informed the President of the General Assembly of the thematic focus of the 2018 ECOSOC Special Meeting on “Towards sustainable, resilient and inclusive societies through participation of all” in New York, May 2018. The Special Meeting will be preceded by a High-level preparatory meeting in Prague, Czech Republic in March 2018. Participation of the President of the General Assembly would be greatly appreciated.