




THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13 November 2017

Excellency,

In order to strengthen the accountability, transparency and institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, for your information, I have the honour to transmit a memo from my recent meeting with the President of the Security Council for the month of November 2017, H.E. Mr. Sebastiano Cardi, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations.

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



Miroslav Lajčák

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

**PGA Office Memo: Meeting between the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council for the month of November 2017, the Permanent Representative of Italy, on 10 November 2017**

The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, met on 10 November 2017 with the President of the Security Council for the month of November 2017, H.E. Mr. Sebastiano Cardi, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations.

The Permanent Representative of Italy briefed the President of the General Assembly (PGA) on the Security Council's activities in November 2017 so far, as well as on the programme of work for the rest of the month. In a follow-up to the Presidency of France in the month of October, Ambassador Cardi drew attention to the African continent, and in particular on the security situation in the Sahel region, and highlighted in this regard the positive contribution of United Nations peacekeeping operations as well as support of the international community in strengthening capacities of African countries. In the month of November, the Italian Presidency intends to focus on situation in the Mediterranean. Following on the briefing by High Commissioner for Refugees Mr. Filippo Grandi on the global refugee crisis and the displacement aspect of various conflicts, further meetings are envisaged, such as on security challenges in this region, presided over by the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Mr. Angelino Alfano, with Secretary-General H.E. Mr. António Guterres briefing the Council. The Council should also discuss the issue of human trafficking in an open debate, phenomenon of foreign terrorist fighters and destruction and trafficking of cultural heritage by terrorist groups in situations of armed conflict. Mandates awaiting their renewal in forthcoming days in the month of November include MINUSCA in Central African Republic, UNISFA in Sudan/South Sudan and Joint Investigative Mechanism in Syria.

The PGA thanked the Permanent Representative of the Italy for his briefing. The PGA briefly summarized activities of the General Assembly in November 2017. Recalling his commitment to an active engagement, PGA has informed Ambassador Cardi about his intention to share lessons learned and take stock of the main part of the 72nd session of the General Assembly with chairpersons of all six committees. Such activities contribute to the overall process of revitalization of the General Assembly and the PGA used this opportunity to inform the President of the Council about his decision to appoint H.E. Mr. Vladimir Drobnjak, Permanent Representative of Croatia and H.E. Ms. María Emma Mejía Vélez of Colombia, as Co-Chairs of Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly during the 72nd session. Referring to another important process, H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák has recalled, that he has appointed H.E. Mr. Kaha Imnadze, Permanent Representative of Georgia, and H.E. Mrs. Lana Zaki Nusseibeh, Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates, as Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council reform. In this vein, the PGA reiterated the need for real dialogue and a meaningful process. Also recalling the determination to foster inclusive and transparent discussion, the PGA convened an informal meeting of the General Assembly to hear a briefing from the Secretary-General on his reform proposal.

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