



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

19 October 2015

Excellency,

At the conclusion of the General Assembly debate Monday 12 October 2015 on agenda item 122: Strengthening of the United Nations system, during which the General Assembly had before it document A/70/95 entitled “Identical letters dated 17 June 2015 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council”, containing the report of the High-level independent Panel of Peace Operations, and a report of the Secretary-General entitled “The future of United Nations peace operations: implementation of the recommendations of the High-level Independent Panel on Peace Operations” circulated as document A/70/357 – after having carefully listened to Member States’ views and concerns expressed during the debate – I announced my intention to explore with Member States advancing a draft resolution that would provide procedural clarity on next steps, the suggested text of which is attached.

In light of the importance Member States attach to this initiative and in accordance with recognized practice, I will organize – on Wednesday 21 October 2015 at 12 p.m. (venue to be announced in the Journal) – an informal consultation with Members. If agreeable to Member States, a draft resolution could thereafter be finalized and submitted for adoption.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mogens Lykketoft'.

Mogens Lykketoft

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

The General Assembly

PP1 Reaffirming its determination to strengthen further the role, capacity, effectiveness and efficiency of the United Nations system,

PP2 Commending the High-level Independent Panel on Peace Operations and its members for the proposals set out in their report (A/70/95) and their wide and significant consultations,

OP1 Welcomes the initiative of the Secretary-General aimed at strengthening the United Nations system and *takes note* of his report (A/70/357) which draws from the report of the High-level Independent Panel on Peace Operations (A/70/95),

OP2 Decides to give further consideration during the seventieth session to the Secretary-General's report (A/70/357) in the relevant bodies in accordance with established procedures,

OP3 Requests the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the Secretary-General's initiative to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session.