



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

18 January 2016

Excellency,

I refer to my letter of 3 November 2015 in which I informed that I would convene on **11-12 April 2016** a High-Level Thematic Debate on Achieving the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Due to latest developments, however, the Thematic Debate will take place on the **21 April 2016**. It is my pleasure to hereby invite your delegation to participate, at the highest possible level, on this new date.

As you are aware, the Paris Climate Agreement mandated that a High-level Signing Ceremony should take place on **22 April 2016** at UN Headquarters in New York. Given the broader framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its strong interlinkages with the Climate Agreement, the sequencing and timing of the High-level Thematic Debate and the High-level Signing Ceremony can serve to significantly increase international awareness and political momentum around the implementation of the SDGs.

It is my expectation that this logical adjustment of dates will allow global leaders to come together and focus their efforts on mobilizing and catalyzing individual, collective, multilateral and multi-stakeholder action to support early progress on realizing the sustainable development goals and climate action.

The draft provisional programme for the Thematic Debate will be distributed in due course.

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

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

Mogens Lykketoft

To All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the
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