



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3 February 2016

Excellency,

Pursuant to my earlier letters on the same subject, the latest dated 5 January 2016, and as part of my intention to carry out my mandate in a transparent and open manner, I have the honour to transmit herewith a memo from my recent meeting with the President of the Security Council for the month of February 2016, H.E. Mr. Rafael Darío Ramírez, Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations.

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 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 February 2016, the Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, on 28 January 2016.

The President of the General Assembly met on 28 January 2016 with the President of the Security Council for the month of February 2016, H.E. Mr. Rafael Darío Ramírez, Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations.

The Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela briefed the President of the General Assembly on the Security Council's provisional Programme of Work for February, stressing the intention to be transparent and open in faithfully carrying out the duties of the presidency. The February provisional programme of work contained a number of meetings, which were part of the regular business of the Security Council, in addition to some important debates, including a debate on working methods of the Security Council, particularly of Sanctions Committees, as well as two open debates, the first, at a ministerial level, – which President Nicolás Maduro was expected to chair – on maintenance of international peace and security: respect of the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, while a second open debate would focus on post-conflict peacebuilding: review of the peacebuilding architecture.

On the question of the selection and appointment process of the next Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela confirmed his readiness – as President of the Security Council for February and consistent with the joint letter of the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council dated 15 December 2015 (A/70/623-S/2015/988) – to jointly circulate to all Member States the names of individuals submitted for consideration received during the month of February.

The President of the General Assembly thanked Ambassador Ramírez for his briefing and – recalling the joint letter of the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council dated 15 December 2015 (A/70/623-S/2015/988) – recalled that presentation of candidates should be addressed to both Presidents, who will jointly circulate the names of individuals on an ongoing basis. The President of the General Assembly further stressed that he would soon circulate to all Member States his proposal for the format and modalities of the informal dialogues or meetings with candidates that he was mandated to offer, estimating that such informal dialogues or meetings could possibly start by early April, in light of the number of candidates presented.