



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

5 February 2016

Excellency,

As you are aware, the Secretary-General on 15 January 2016 informally briefed Members about his proposed Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism (A/70/674 and A/70/675). At the same briefing, I recalled my intention to organize a formal debate of the General Assembly as well as my intention to consult widely on how best to take this important contribution forward.

In preparation for the formal debate, which is anticipated to take place on 12 February 2016 (details of which to be announced in the UN Journal in accordance with established practice), it is my understanding that there may be broad backing for a short, procedural resolution of the General Assembly in order to keep momentum on this important matter and provide a track to further consider the Plan, including in the context of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy review in June 2016.

Such a resolution could consist of the following elements:

- stressing that it is essential to address the threat posed by violent extremism which can be conducive to terrorism, which is not exclusive to any regional, nationality or system of belief; and recognising the interdisciplinary nature of countering and preventing violent extremism in this context,
- welcomes the Secretary-General's initiative and takes note of the Plan of Action,
- encourages Member States to consider the recommendations of the Plan of Action,
- decides to give further consideration to the Plan of Action beginning during the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy review in June 2016 as well as in other relevant fora,

With a view to ensure a broad and transparent process and in addition to other outreach engagements, I have instructed my Chef de Cabinet, Ambassador Tomas Anker Christensen, to host an informal meeting to consult with Member States on Monday 8 February 10 AM in conference room 11 with a view to exchange views on the way forward on this matter of great importance to Member States.

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

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

Mogens Lykketoft

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