



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3 March, 2016

Excellency,

Pursuant to my earlier letters on the same subject, the latest dated 3 February 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 March 2016, H.E. Mr. Ismael Abraão Gaspar Martins, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Angola to the United Nations.

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

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 March 2016, the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Angola, on 26 February 2016.

The President of the General Assembly met on 26 February 2016 with the President of the Security Council for the month of March 2016, H.E. Mr. Ismael Abraão Gaspar Martins, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Angola to the United Nations.

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Angola briefed the President of the General Assembly on the Security Council's provisional Programme of Work for March, highlighting among other things that the Council would visit Mali, Guinea-Bissau and Senegal in West Africa during the early part of March. In addition, the March provisional programme of work contained a number of meetings, which were part of the regular business of the Security Council as well as some important debates, including an open debate on the maintenance of international peace and security: prevention and resolution of conflicts in the Great Lakes region of Africa, which would be chaired by the Minister of External Relations of Angola, while a second open debate would focus on women, peace and security: the role of women in conflict prevention and resolution in Africa. With regard to the negotiations on the peacebuilding architecture review, the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Angola, who is one of the two co-facilitators, further highlighted that it was a priority to conclude these negotiations before the end of March.

On the question of the selection and appointment process of the next Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Angola confirmed his readiness – as President of the Security Council for March – 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 presented for consideration received during the month of March.

The President of the General Assembly thanked Ambassador Martins for his briefing and – referring to 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 he had the previous day circulated to the membership a letter outlining the format of the informal dialogues or meetings with candidates, which he had committed to offer candidates as decided in GA resolution 69/321, and that these were scheduled to start on 12 April 2016. The President of the General Assembly further underlined that he encouraged Member States to present candidates in time to participate in the April meetings.