



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

30 June 2016

Excellency,

With reference to my letter regarding General Assembly agenda item 112 (a), I have the pleasure to circulate a letter from the Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt 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
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Excellency,

I am writing to you in connection to your letter dated 29 June 2016, informing the date and time of the General Assembly meeting to elect non-permanent members to the Security Council and the attached letter directed from the Permanent Representatives of Italy and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, informing the intent of the two countries to split the term of membership between them.

We took note of the letter and its content and would like to convey that our understanding that the aforementioned agreement between Italy and the Kingdom of the Netherlands is an exceptional case, and as such will not lay the ground for such a practice to become a norm in the future. We would also like to emphasize that the agreement reached by the two candidates is of a bilateral nature and will have no legal or procedural implications on the proceedings of future elections and candidatures to the Security Council membership.

Since 1964, the two-year term has been strictly observed by all countries running and subsequently winning the Security Council membership. This embodies the spirit of the UN Charter, which clearly delineates the term of membership in the non-permanent category. Any deviation from such a norm would run the risk of negatively impacting the functionality of the United Nations Security Council as the principle body responsible of maintaining peace and security.

I would appreciate the circulation of this letter as an official document of the seventieth session of the UN General Assembly under agenda item 112 (a).

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amr AboulAtta', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Amr AboulAtta

Ambassador and Permanent Representative

To: H.E Mr. Mogens Lykketoft

President of the United Nations General Assembly