



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

7 July 2016

Excellency,

Pursuant to my earlier letters on the same subject, the latest dated 1 June 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 July 2016, H.E. Mr. Koro Bessho, Permanent Representative of Japan 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 July 2016, the Permanent Representative of Japan, on 27 June 2016.

The President of the General Assembly met on 27 June 2016 with the President of the Security Council for the month of July 2016, H.E. Mr. Koro Bessho, Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations.

The Permanent Representative of Japan briefed the President of the General Assembly on the Security Council's provisional Programme of Work for July, highlighting among other issues the intention to hold a ministerial-level open debate on peacebuilding in Africa in addition to an open debate about working methods of the Security Council. The situation in the Middle East would be on the agenda several times in July, including the traditional open debate, organised every 3 months. Finally, as was announced in a letter dated 15 June 2016 from the President of the Security Council and circulated by the President of the General Assembly to all Member States and Observers on the same day, the Permanent Representative of Japan recalled that the Security Council intends to start on 21 July the process of consideration of candidates for the position of Secretary-General. In this context, the Permanent Representative of Japan recognized the usefulness and transparency of the General Assembly informal dialogues with candidates for the position of Secretary-General and stressed his commitment as President of the Security Council for July to work closely with the President of the General Assembly, including by informing the President of the General Assembly when the process of consideration ("straw poll") in the Security Council has started as well as subsequent equivalent steps.

The President of the General Assembly thanked Ambassador Bessho for his briefing and – referring to the selection and appointment process of the next Secretary-General of the United Nations – recalled that all steps in the process so far had been coordinated closely with each monthly presidency of the Security Council. In line with the new standard of openness and transparency established through the informal dialogues with candidates and other steps, the President stressed that he, and through him the membership of the General Assembly, looked forward to being kept fully updated on the process of consideration in the Security Council in a manner that respected the role of the General Assembly. While recognizing the informal nature of the straw poll, the President took note that the outcome of the informal straw poll would not be communicated. The President emphasized that limiting the communication to the fact that the informal straw poll had taken place without any further detail added little value and would not live up to the expectations of the membership and the new standard of openness and transparency of the process.

The President further stressed that all additional candidates should follow the same process and participate in General Assembly informal dialogues. In that context, the President underlined that 14 July would be available for any further General Assembly informal dialogues. In light of the 15 June 2016 letter from the President of the Security Council, the President encouraged any additional candidates to come forward before 21 July. Both reconfirmed that any presentation of new candidates will be expeditiously circulated to

Member States. Finally, both agreed that it was important to continue the process on an on-going basis, including timely exchange of information between the two bodies related to new developments.