



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2 September 2016

Excellency,

Pursuant to my earlier letters on the same subject, the latest dated 2 August 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 September 2016, H.E. Mr. Gerard van Bohemen, Permanent Representative of New Zealand 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 September 2016, the Permanent Representative of New Zealand, on 30 August 2016.

The President of the General Assembly met on 30 August 2016 with the President of the Security Council for the month of September 2016, H.E. Gerard van Bohemen, Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the United Nations. The President-elect of the 71st session of the General Assembly, H.E. Peter Thomson, also attended the meeting.

The Permanent Representative of New Zealand briefed the President of the General Assembly on the Security Council's provisional Programme of Work for September, highlighting among other issues the intention to hold a High-Level meeting on Syria on 21 September, chaired by New Zealand's Prime Minister, with other Council members also invited at Head of State or Head of Government level. The Security Council will also have a briefing on aviation security on 22 September, chaired by the Foreign Minister of New Zealand. During the month of September, the Security Council would undertake a visit to South Sudan. Furthermore, the Security Council would hold briefings and consultations on the Protection of Civilians on 28 September, as a follow-up to UNSC resolution 2286 on protection of health care personnel and facilities in conflict. The Permanent Representative of New Zealand also highlighted other regular meetings, such as the Syria humanitarian briefing on 29 September, the quarterly debate on Afghanistan and the monthly debate on the Middle East.

Regarding the selection- and appointment process of the next Secretary General, the Permanent Representative of New Zealand informed the President of the General Assembly that the timing and modalities of the next "straw poll" in the Security Council would be discussed at the PR breakfast on 1 September. As New Zealand has a candidate for the post of Secretary General, they would ask the Russian Federation, who holds the Presidency of the Security Council for the following month of October, to take responsibility for conducting the mechanics of any "straw poll" during September.

The President of the General Assembly thanked Ambassador van Bohemen for his briefing and – referring to the selection and appointment process of the next Secretary General of the United Nations - recalled the close coordination with each monthly presidency of the Security Council that had been carried out throughout the process. In line with the now well-established standard of openness and transparency in the form of General Assembly informal dialogues with candidates and other steps, the President reiterated that he, and through him the membership of the General Assembly, continued to look 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. Finally, the President of the General Assembly, the President-elect and Ambassador van Bohemen 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.