



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13 October 2016

Excellency,

Following today's appointment by the General Assembly of the ninth Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. António Guterres, I have the honour to invite you to the previously announced informal meeting of the plenary with the Secretary-General-designate, to take place on Wednesday 19 October from 3.00 – 5.00 p.m. , in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for early interaction between the Secretary-General-designate and Member States to assist in his preparations for office. All Member States and groups will be welcome to speak. Consequently, interventions should be brief and not exceed three minutes, with four minutes allocated to groups. All interested delegations are encouraged to inscribe with the list of speakers in the General Assembly Affairs Branch (poliakova@un.org ; cc. heddachem@un.org).

In line with my commitment to transparency and inclusivity, the meeting will be webcast and open to stakeholders including civil society.

Your personal attendance at this meeting will be highly appreciated.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson'.

Peter Thomson

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and Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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