



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

6 October 2016

Excellency,

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/144 of 17 December 2015, I am pleased to inform you that I will convene a plenary meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on Wednesday, 19 October 2016, from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm, in the General Assembly Hall.

In accordance with the agreed format and established practice for commemorative meetings, in addition to a statement by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, the Chairs of the regional groups and the representative of the host country, will be invited to address the commemorative plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

I am planning to invite the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, the Chair of the Human Rights Committee, Mr. Fabián Omar Salvioli, and the Chair of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Mr. Waleed Sadi to address the meeting.

If I hear no objection by Monday, October 10, 2016, my Office will proceed in the preparation of the commemorative meeting accordingly.

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

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

Peter Thomson

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Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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