



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

6 March 2017

Excellency,

As you will recall, in resolution 71/257, of 23 December 2016, entitled “Oceans and the law of the sea”, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to convene the eighteenth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (the Informal Consultative Process), in New York from 15 to 19 May 2017. In accordance with paragraph 3(e) of General Assembly resolution 54/33, which established the Informal Consultative Process, the Co-Chairs for the meetings of the Informal Consultative Process are appointed by the President of the General Assembly in consultation with Member States, taking into account the need for representation from developed and developing countries.

I am pleased to inform you that, following consultations with the regional groups, I have appointed His Excellency, Mr. Kornelios Korneliou, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cyprus to the United Nations, and His Excellency, Mr. Gustavo Meza-Cuadra, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations, as Co-Chairs of the eighteenth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea.

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

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

Peter Thomson

To All Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers
to the United Nations
New York