



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

16 January 2017

Excellency,

For your information, I have the honour to transmit a memo from my recent meeting with the President of the Security Council for the month of January 2017, H.E. Mr. Olof Skoog, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson', written in a cursive style.

Peter Thomson

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 January 2017, the Permanent Representative of Sweden, on 5 January 2017.

The President of the General Assembly met on 5 January 2017 with the President of the Security Council for the month of January 2017, H.E. Mr. Olof Skoog, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations.

The Permanent Representative of Sweden briefed the President of the General Assembly on the Security Council's provisional Programme of Work for January 2017. He stressed that this will be a busy month with two open debates, one on the maintenance of international peace and security, focusing on conflict prevention and sustaining peace, on 10 January 2017, which will be chaired by Minister for Foreign Affairs, H.E. Ms. Margot Wallström, and the second the quarterly debate on the Middle East, on 17 January 2017. In addition, the Security Council will continue work on issues such as Syria, the DRC, Colombia, Darfur, West Africa (UNOWAS), Mali, CAR, the Lake Chad Basin region, possibly Cyprus should the ongoing negotiations be successfully concluded, as well as any other issues that will require the Council's attention.

Furthermore, the Permanent Representative of Sweden also emphasized the need to make a fresh start in the Security Council, building on the momentum of the decisions reached during the last two weeks of last year, and improving its working methods. It is also important to establish a close cooperation with the new Secretary-General and provide necessary support to the SG's priority on conflict prevention.

The President of the General Assembly thanked the Permanent Representative of Sweden for his briefing on the provisional Programme of Work of the Security Council. He mentioned the upcoming working lunch that he will host with the participation of the Secretary-General, the President of Security Council, the President of ECOSOC and the Chair of the PBC on 12 January 2017 – the first ever of its kind. He also informed the Permanent Representative of Sweden on the preparations for the GA High Level Dialogue on “Building Sustainable Peace for All: Synergies between the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sustaining Peace”, on 24 January 2017. The President of the General Assembly expressed the hope that Sweden and all Member States will participate actively in that event.

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