



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

7 March 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 March 2017, H.E. Mr. Matthew Rycroft, Permanent Representative of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations.

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

**PGA Office Memo: Meeting between the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council for the month of March 2017, the Permanent Representative of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, on 1 March 2017.**

The President of the General Assembly met on 1 March 2017 with the President of the Security Council for the month of March 2017, H.E. Mr. Matthew Rycroft, Permanent Representative of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations.

The Permanent Representative of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland briefed the President of the General Assembly (PGA) on the Security Council's provisional Programme of Work for March 2017 – the main focus of which will be conflict prevention in Africa. In this regard, there will be a Security Council Mission to the Lake Chad Basin (Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Nigeria) from 2-7 March 2017. Furthermore, The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs will chair Security Council briefings on Somalia and South Sudan on 23 March 2017. The Secretary General will brief at the session on South Sudan and AU High Representative for South Sudan, former President Alpha Konare, will also be invited to brief. The President of Somalia will be invited to brief at the session on Somalia.

The Permanent Representative of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland also informed the PGA on the Security Council Open Debate on “Maintenance of international peace and security: modern slavery, forced labour and conflict”, which will be held on 14 March 2017 and chaired by The Rt Hon Priti Patel MP, Secretary of State for International Development.

In addition, the Security Council will continue to work on issues such as Syria, Middle East peace process, Yemen, Burundi, and is expected to adopt resolutions on Non-proliferation (DPRK) as well as mandate extensions for UNSOM and MONUSCO.

The President of the General Assembly thanked the Permanent Representative of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for his briefing on the provisional Programme of Work of the Security Council. He informed the Permanent Representative of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on his recent trip to Indonesia (World Ocean Summit), Singapore (bilateral talks with Singapore officials) and Geneva (Human Rights Council) and on his main activities in March 2017, including High Level Thematic Discussion on Wildlife (3 March), General Assembly meeting on Commemoration on Racial Discrimination (21 March), High Level Water Dialogue (22 March), and SDG Action Event on Climate Change (23 March). Furthermore, the PGA also referred to his upcoming visit to Fiji on the Blue Economy/Regional preparatory meeting for the Ocean Conference (10-18 March) and his scheduled trip to Senegal (for the UNECA Ministerial on SDG in Dakar), Ethiopia (bilateral talks with Ethiopian officials and contacts with the AU leadership) and Egypt during the last week of March.

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