



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

23 November 2016

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the Secretary-General has requested to hold an informal briefing of the General Assembly on the United Nations' New Approach to Cholera in Haiti.

On 19 August 2016, the Secretary-General announced a new, two-track approach by the United Nations to cholera in Haiti. Track One involves intensifying the Organization's support to reduce and ultimately end the transmission of cholera, improve access to care and treatment, and address the longer-term issues of water, sanitation and health systems in Haiti. Track Two involves developing a package that will provide material assistance and support to those Haitians most directly affected by cholera.

Cholera and other health emergencies are a reminder of the constant threats to global health. Their far-reaching effects threaten the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Secretary-General's report to the General Assembly will be available on 1 December 2016, and will provide further information on the New Approach urging the Member States to demonstrate their solidarity with the people of Haiti by supporting the elimination of cholera and assistance to those most directly affected.

The informal briefing to the General Assembly will take place on Thursday, 1 December 2016, from 3.00 – 4.30 pm in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Please note that there will be no list of speakers on this occasion.

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
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