



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

9 November 2016

Excellency,

As part of my commitment to transparency and openness, I have the honor to share herewith a memo from my meeting on 3 November with the Secretary-General, H.E. Ban Ki-moon.

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: Luncheon between the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The President of the General Assembly, H.E Mr. Peter Thomson, met on 3 November 2016 with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E Mr Ban Ki-moon. Both principals were accompanied by senior advisors from respective offices.

The Secretary-General briefed the President on efforts to ensure a smooth and seamless transition to the next Secretary-General. He also welcomed the President's initiative to convene an informal GA Meeting between SG-designate, Mr. Antonio Guterres, and member states shortly after his appointment.

The President congratulated the Secretary-General on his extraordinary efforts in the field of climate change. The Secretary-General noted that 192 countries have signed the Paris Climate Agreement and that 96 countries will have ratified it as it enters into force on 4 November 2016. At the same time, both principals agreed on the urgent need to scale up climate action.

The President informed that he will brief member states on his Office's SDG Implementation Strategy on Tuesday, 8 November 2016. The Secretary-General welcomed the PGA's strategy, and noted the value of engaging the different parts of the UN system, including those operating at the regional and national levels.

The Secretary-General expressed his intention to brief the General Assembly on Haiti over the coming period. The President welcomed this initiative.

The Secretary-General welcomed the appointment of co-facilitators relating to next June's UN Conference on Oceans (SDG14) and to the modalities for the 2018 Conference on International Migration. The President thanked the Secretary-General for the support provided by the Secretariat to both processes and noted that he looks forward to continued close cooperation as matters progress.

The President informed that he will convene a high-level panel meeting to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on Friday, 2 December 2016.

The Secretary-General and the President also discussed issues related to the appropriate use of UN premises.

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