



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13 January 2016

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith the letter of the co-chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (AHWG) at the 70th session, H.E. Mr. Vladimir Drobnyak, Permanent Representative of Croatia and H.E. Mr. Wilfried I. Emvula, Permanent Representative of Namibia, inviting the membership to the first meeting of the AHWG. The letter also informs on the tentative program of the work for the AHWG.

The first meeting will take place on Tuesday 19 January 2016 at 10:00 a.m in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mogens Lykketoft'.

Mogens Lykketoft

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



8 January 2016

Excellency,

In his letter dated 19 October 2015, the President of the General Assembly reappointed us as Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly (AHWG) at the 70th session, open to all Member States, which was established pursuant to resolution 69/321 of 11 September 2015 to “identify further ways to enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on the progress achieved in past sessions as well as on previous resolutions, including evaluating the status of their implementation and to submit a report thereon to the Assembly at its seventieth session.”

Following the informal meeting convened on 11 December 2015 by the Co-Chairs on the issue of transparency, efficiency and accountability of the work of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, we have the pleasure to inform you that the AHWG will soon commence its formal deliberations, and in this context have the honor to invite you to its first meeting in the form of a general debate, to be held on Tuesday, 19 January, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. As in previous years, a draft updated inventory chart of GA revitalization resolutions will be made available on the revitalization link in advance of the meeting to stimulate the discussions (www.un.org/en/ga/revitalization/).

We are also pleased to share with you a tentative program of work for the theme-specific meetings of the AHWG, and would appreciate your feedback on the proposed program at the general debate on 19 January. The four thematic meetings are to be convened as follows:

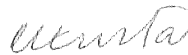
- The first thematic meeting on the **role and authority of the General Assembly**, on 16 February 2016 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.
- The second thematic meeting on **working methods**, on 3 March at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.
- The third thematic meeting on the **selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and other executive heads**, on 22 March at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.
- The fourth thematic meeting on the **strengthening of the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly**, on 7 April at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

We look forward to your active participation at the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly on 19 January and remain available for an active exchange of views in the months to come. We also wish to express once again our intention to continue building upon the constructive cooperation and achievements made within the AHWG in the 69th session of the General Assembly, which enabled the consensual adoption of the milestone resolution 69/321.

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



Vladimir Drobnyak
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of Croatia



Wilfried I. Emvula
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of Namibia

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