



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

12 April, 2016

Excellency,

I wish to refer to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem, to be held from 19 to 21 April 2016, in accordance with resolutions 67/193 of 20 December 2012, 69/200 of 18 December 2014 and 70/181 of 17 December 2015.

I am addressing you pursuant to my letter of March 21, 2016 in which I informed about the nominations from the regional groups for one Co-Chair and panellists for the respective roundtables.

Further to the communications sent by the Regional Groups, I wish to inform you about the nominations received to date (see Annex for overview):

African States Group:

Co-Chair of Roundtable 2: Not yet communicated by the African Group.

Panellists:

Roundtable 1: Ms. Hafidha Okbi, Regional Pharmacy Inspector in charge of the Bureau of Narcotics, Ministry of Health, Tunisia.

Roundtable 2: H.E. Honorable Hanna Serwaah Tetteh (MP), Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration, Ghana

Roundtable 4: Maj Gen. Dr. Ahmed Abderahman Elgamel, Dean, Forensic Science Institute, the National Ribat University, Sudan.

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H.E. Mr. Vladimir Galuska
Chair of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its 59th session

H.E. Ambassador Khaled Shamaa
Chair of the Board tasked by the Commission with the preparations for the special session

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

Asia-Pacific States Group

Co-Chair Roundtable 1: Ravindra Fernando, Chairman of the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board, Sri Lanka

Panellists:

Roundtable 1: H.E. K. Shanmugam, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law, Singapore

Roundtable 2: H.E. Seiji Kihara, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan

Roundtable 3: Dr. Dyah Setia Utami, SpKJ, MARs, Deputy Head of the National Narcotics Board, Indonesia

Roundtable 4: Mr. LIU Yuejin, Deputy Commissioner of China National Narcotics Control Commission, Vice Minister of Public Security, China

Roundtable 5: M.R. Disnadda Diskul, Chairman of the Board of the Mae Fah Luang Foundation under Royal Patronage of Thailand

Eastern European States Group:

Co-Chair of Roundtable 4.: H.E. Mr. Urmas Reinsalu, Minister of Justice, Estonia.

The list of Panellists from the Eastern European Group has been revised as follows:

Roundtable 1: H.E. Svatopluk Němeček, Minister of Health, Czech Republic

Roundtable 2: Mr. Konstantin Gobrusenko, Deputy Head of Department on countering Money Laundering of the Federal Monitoring Service, Russian Federation

Roundtable 5: Mr. Christian Leffler, Deputy Secretary General for Economic and Global Issues, European External Action Service

Latin America and Caribbean States Group:

Co-Chairs Roundtable 5:

President H.E. Ollanta Humala, Peru;

President H.E. Evo Morales, The Plurinational State of Bolivia;

Prime Minister Hon. Perry Christie, Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

Panellists:

Roundtable 1: H.E. Roberto Moro, Minister, Argentina,

Roundtable 2: H.E. Milton Romani, Minister, Uruguay

Roundtable 3: H.E. Ana H. Chacon, Vice President, Costa Rica

Roundtable 4: H.E. Reyes Alvarado, Minister, Colombia

Roundtable 5: H.E. Claudia Ruiz Massieu, Minister, Mexico.

Western European and other States Group:

Co-Chair Roundtable 3: H.E. Alan Berset, Head of the Federal Department of Home Affairs and Swiss Federal Minister of Health and Social Affairs, Switzerland

Panellists:

Roundtable 1: H.E. Bernt Hoie, Minister of Health and Care Services, Norway

Roundtable 2: Mr. Michael Botticelli, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, White House, United States of America

Roundtable 3: H.E. Gabriel Wikström, Minister for Health Care, Public Health and Sport, Sweden

Roundtable 4: Ms. Chloë Dunnett, National Drug Coordinator, UK Government, United Kingdom.

Roundtable 5: Ms. Marlene Mortler, Federal Drugs Commissioner, Germany

As mentioned in my previous communication, according to decision 58/16 para (d), I have decided to appoint as Co-Chairs of the respective roundtables and pending further nominations:

Co-Chair Roundtable 1: Ravindra Fernando, Chairman of the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board, Sri Lanka

Co-Chair Roundtable 3: H.E. Alan Berset, Head of the Federal Department of Home Affairs and Swiss Federal Minister of Health and Social Affairs, Switzerland,

Co-Chair of Roundtable 4: H.E. Mr. Urmas Reinsalu, Minister of Justice of Estonia.

Co-Chairs Roundtable 5:

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Furthermore, pursuant to decision 58/16 para (e), please let me also inform you of the update of the nominations for the roundtables:

Roundtable 1: Mr. Toure Lamine, Sopi Jikko, Senegal,

Roundtable 2: Ms. Priscilla Chavez Mendez, ACEID, Costa Rica,

Roundtable 3: Ms. Anne Maria-Goretti, Justice for All, IDPC, West Africa Drug Policy Network, Ghana,

Roundtable 4: Mr. Matej Kosir, Institute for Research and Development, Slovenia,

Roundtable 5: Ms. Nang Pann Ei Kham, Drug Policy Advocacy Group, Myanmar.

Finally, my Office has also received nominations from the United Nations System to participate as speakers in the Roundtables, according to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in its aforementioned Decision:

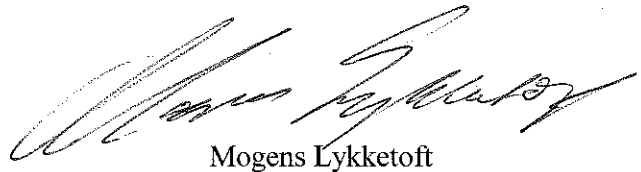
Roundtable 1: Mr. Michel Sidibe, Executive Director, UNAIDS,
Mr. Werner Sipp, President of the Board, INCB

Roundtable 2: Mr. Jeffrey Feltman, Under Secretary General for Political Affairs (DPA),

Roundtable 3: Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Roundtable 4 and 5: Mr. Yury Fedotov, Executive Director UNODC

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



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