



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

You will recall that, in my acceptance speech on 14 June, I informed that the theme for this 70th Session of the General Assembly would be “A New Commitment to Action”, in anticipation of the successful Summit to adopt the 2030 Agenda that took place in September. At that time, I also announced that I would operationalise the theme by organizing events that would allow us to take stock of our activities in support of the three pillars of the United Nations - sustainable development, peace and security, and human rights. Accordingly, it is my intention to organize three High-level Thematic Debates in April, May and July of next year.

The first debate, which will take place **11-12 April 2016**, will focus on the implementation of commitments relating to sustainable development, climate change, and financing. The thrust of this event will be to mobilize, and catalyze individual, collective, multilateral and multi-stakeholder action to support early progress on realizing the sustainable development goals and climate action.

The second debate, scheduled for **10-11 May 2016**, will examine how to strengthen the role and coherence of the United Nations’s architecture in support of comprehensive, efficient and effective engagement in the field of peace and security. One of the key deliverables from this debate will be to draw out synergies from the three major peace and security related reviews now at various stages of advancement – the peace operations review, the review of peace-building activities, and the global study on women, peace and security.

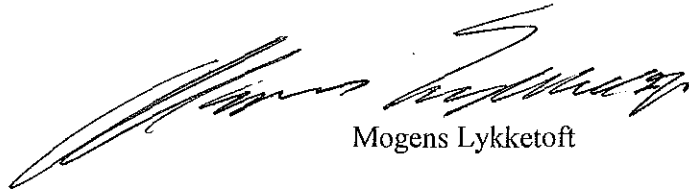
The third debate, to be held on **12-13 July 2016**, will focus on the United Nations’ role in the field of human rights, including in relation to governance, the rule of law, gender equality, and institution building. Taking into account the unprecedented scale of global humanitarian challenges, particular attention will be placed on addressing the needs of the millions of displaced women, men, and children affected by conflicts and disasters, particularly refugees.

To all Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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The overarching goal of all three high-level events is to seek pragmatic action-oriented outcomes to advance a comprehensive and effective response to addressing the unprecedented global humanitarian and refugee crisis the world is facing today.

It is my hope that these important events will draw the highest possible level of participation from your Government and I will dispatch invitation letters with further information on each of these events shortly. In the meantime I would appreciate your assistance in communicating the content of this letter to your Government, to serve as a save the date.

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



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