



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

12 November 2015

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 2 November 2015, I have the honour to transmit to you a memo from my recent meeting with the President of the Security Council for the month of November, H.E. Mr. Matthew Rycroft, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations.

As part of my intention to carry out my mandate in a transparent and open manner, it is my goal to continue to keep Members informed about my monthly meetings with the Presidents of the Security Council.

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

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

Mogens Lykketoft

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

PGA Office Memo: Meeting between the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council for the month of November 2015, the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, on 2 November 2015.

The President of the General Assembly met on 2 November 2015 with the President of the Security Council for the month of November, H.E. Mr. Matthew Rycroft, Permanent Representative of to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations.

The President of the Security Council briefed the President of the General Assembly on the Security Council's Provisional Programme of Work for November. He emphasized the United Kingdom's overall intention to conduct the Council's business in as transparent and inter-active manner as possible. From the November programme of work the President of the Security Council highlighted a Ministerial level open debate on the topic of security, development and the root causes of conflict, a briefing on Somalia as well as a briefing on peace operations. Developments in the Middle East were also expected to occupy the Security Council during November. On the question of the selection and appointment process of the next Secretary-General of the United Nations, the President of the Security Council underlined that he was cognizant of many Members' expectations to try to advance this process as soon as feasible and said that he hoped the Council could move forward in the month of November, including possibly an exchange under "any other business" at an appropriate time.

The President of the General Assembly thanked Ambassador Rycroft for his briefing and confirmed that from the perspective of the President of the General Assembly, it would be very important to bring forward the process concerning the selection and appointment of the next Secretary-General of the United Nations as this is a matter of key interest to Member States. The President of the General Assembly underscored that the next step of this process consists of a joint letter by the presidents of the General Assembly and the Security Council to all UN Member States in accordance with resolution 69/321 to start the process, noted the elements for a letter based on the resolution that had been provided to the Presidency of the Security Council and stressed his readiness as President of the General Assembly to finalize and sign such a joint letter as soon as the Security Council was ready.

Finally, it was also noted that during the month of November the President of the Security Council would present the annual report of the Security Council for the consideration of the General Assembly.