



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

26 July 2016

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit a letter from His excellency Mr. Peter Thomson, President-elect of the 71st Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

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

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Mogens Lykketoft

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His Excellency
Mr. Mogens Lykketoft
President of the 70th Session
United Nations General Assembly
New York.

Dear President,

In accordance with the General Assembly resolution 58/126 “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”, the President-elect of the General Assembly is to propose an issue, or issues, of global concern upon which the Member States will be invited to comment during the General Debate at the forthcoming session of the General Assembly.

Following consultations, and in line with the compelling emphasis placed on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Agenda in my acceptance speech before the General Assembly on 13 June 2016, I propose the theme of the 71st General Debate to be as follows: **“The Sustainable Development Goals: a universal push to transform our world”**.

I would be grateful if Your Excellency would circulate this letter to all Member States to assist their preparations for the forthcoming General Debate.

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

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Peter Thomson

President-Elect of the 71st session of the General Assembly