



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

16 February 2017

Excellency,

Further to my letters dated 23 January and 10 February 2017, I have the honour to share herewith an updated programme for the high-level meeting to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance that I will convene on Friday, 17 February, at UN Headquarters. The high-level meeting will take place in the Trusteeship Council Chamber and will begin at 10 a.m.

Further updates on the event can be found on the dedicated page on my website <http://www.un.org/pga/71/event-latest/high-level-meeting-to-commemorate-the-ten-th-anniversary-of-the-adoption-of-the-international-convention-for-the-protection-of-all-persons-from-enforced-disappearance/>. I look forward to your active participation and engagement in this important meeting.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson'.

Peter Thomson

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

General Assembly High-Level meeting to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance

Programme

FRIDAY 17 February 2017, Trusteeship Council Chamber	
10:00 – 10:40 a.m.	<p>Opening Remarks:</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, President of the General Assembly <i>Minute of silence in remembrance of the victims of enforced disappearances</i> Ms. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti, Chef de Cabinet on behalf of the UN Secretary-General H.E. Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (video message) Mr. Santiago Corcuera Cabezut, Chair of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances CED</p>
10.40a.m -1.00p.m.	<p>Plenary</p> <p>Statement by Member States and observers</p>
3.00 – 3.40 p.m.	<p>Panel discussion</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Emmanuel Decaux, Professor emeritus at University Paris II, President of the International Issues pole of the National Consultative Commission on Human Rights, former Chair of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances.</p> <p><i>Panellists:</i> Mr. Santiago Corcuera Cabezut, Chair of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances CED Mr. Bernard Duhaime, Vice-Chair of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances Mr. Luís Raúl González Pérez, President of the National Commission of Human Rights of Mexico (CNDH), in representation of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) Ms. Stéphanie David, Head of the New York Bureau of the Fédération Internationale des Droits de l'Homme (FIDH)</p>

	<p>Mr. Horacio Ravenna, member of Asamblea Permanente por los Derechos Humanos (Permanent Assembly for Human Rights - APDH)</p> <p>Display of a video message from Mr. Louis Joinet, discussing “what the Convention changed and why it matters to reach universal ratification”.</p>
3.40– 5.00 p.m	<p>Interactive discussion</p> <p>Presentations of the panellists will be followed by interventions from Member States, Observers, UN system and civil society.</p>
5:00pm.	<p>Panel discussion will be concluded by the Moderator.</p>