



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13 June 2017

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 12 June, please find enclosed a letter received on 13 June 2017, from Her Excellency Ms. Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations, and His Excellency Mr. Marc Pecsteen de Buytsverve, Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations, the co-facilitators of the intergovernmental consultations with all Member States with a view to producing a short and concise political declaration on the implementation of the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons.

The co-facilitators invite Member States to a first informal meeting on Friday 16 June 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in ECOSOC Chamber.

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

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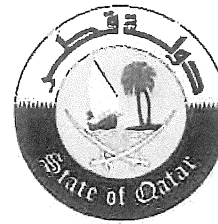
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Tuesday, 13 June 2017

Excellency,

As indicated in the letter of the President of the General Assembly dated 12 June 2017, we have been appointed as co-facilitators to hold open, transparent and inclusive intergovernmental negotiations with all Member States with a view to producing a short and concise political declaration on the implementation of the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons.

In July 2010, the General Assembly adopted by consensus the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons (resolution 64/293). In May 2013, the General Assembly conducted the first high-level appraisal of the Global Plan. Subsequently, the General Assembly, in its resolutions 68/192 and 70/179, agreed on the need to conduct subsequent appraisals of the Plan and thus decided to convene, within existing resources, a high-level meeting of the General Assembly at its seventy-second session, immediately after the general debate, to appraise the progress achieved in the implementation of the Global Plan of Action in order to assess achievements, gaps and challenges, including in the implementation of the relevant legal instruments.

On 4 May 2017, the General Assembly adopted resolution 71/287 on the "*Modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the appraisal of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons.*" Operative paragraph 1 of that resolution decided that the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the appraisal of the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons will be held from 27-28 September 2017. Operative paragraph 10 calls for the political declaration's adoption at the opening plenary of the high-level meeting.

We are honoured to hold our first informal meeting on **Friday, 16 June 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the ECOSOC Chambers**. We very much look forward to engaging with all delegations on this most important subject and count on your robust participation at the highest possible level.

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

H.E. Mr. Marc Pecsteen de Buytswerve  
Permanent Representative of Belgium  
to the United Nations

H.E. Ms. Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani  
Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar  
to the United Nations

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