14 June 2017

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 23 May 2017, please find attached the programme for the high-level debate, scheduled on Monday 19 June 2017, to observe the twenty-fifth anniversary of the assassination of Judge Giovanni Falcone, focusing on the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (Palermo Convention) and the Protocols thereto and highlighting emerging trends and challenges in crime prevention and criminal justice and their impact on sustainable development.

The high-level debate consists of an opening segment, a high-level segment, two interactive panel discussions and concluding remarks.

There will be no list of speakers for the meeting circulated in advance and Member States are encouraged to engage in interactive discussions with the panelists.

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

[Signature]

Peter Thomson

To All Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers of the United Nations
New York
High-Level Debate on Transnational Organized Crime

in observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the assassination of Judge Giovanni Falcone

Monday, 19 June 2017

Trusteeship Council

PROGRAMME

10:00 - 10:30 am Opening Segment:

➢ H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, President of the General Assembly of the United Nations
➢ H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations (tbc)
➢ H.E. Mr. Mitsuru Kitano, Chair of the 26th session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) and Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations (Vienna)
➢ H.E. Ms Pilar Saborio de Rocafort, President of 8th Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention on Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) and Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations (Vienna)
➢ USG Yury Fedotov, Executive-Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Brief remembrance moment (4 minutes): Remembrance in honour of Judge Falcone and other officials (public servants) who were victims of organized crime.

➢ Remarks by H.E. Mr. Andrea Orlando, Minister of Justice of Italy
➢ Minute of Silence

10.30 - 11.15 am High-level segment with interventions from Member States (5 minutes each)

➢ Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol of the Kingdom of Thailand
➢ H.E. Mr. Andrea Orlando, Minister of Justice of Italy
➢ H.E. Dr. Raúl Cervantes, Minister of Justice of Mexico
➢ H.E. Mr. Igor N. Zubov, State Secretary - Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation

11.15 am-1.00 pm First interactive multi-stakeholder panel discussion: “15 years of implementation of the Convention. Challenges facing the international community”

➢ Mr. Olivier Onidi, Deputy Director General, DG HOME, European Commission
➢ Mr. Francis Forbes, Executive Director of CARICOM IMPACS
➢ Ms. Karen Judd Smith, Co-Chair, Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
➢ Mr. Mahmoud Cherif Bassiouni, Emeritus Professor of Law at DePaul University, (Video message)
3.00-6.00 p.m. Second interactive multi-stakeholder panel discussion: “Current gaps, emerging trends and new challenges in crime prevention and criminal justice”

- Mr. Franco Roberti, Anti-Mafia and Anti-Terrorism Chief Prosecutor of Italy
- Mr. Emmanuel Roux, Director of INTERPOL NY Office
- Ms. Loide Lungameni, Chief of Organized Crime Branch, UNODC
- Mr. Mario Palma, National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI), Mexico (Video message)

5.50-6.00 pm Closing remarks by the President of the General Assembly