



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

14 June 2017

Excellency,

I have the honor to forward herewith a letter from the Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Amina Mohammed, regarding the Secretary-General's High Level Panel to Assess and Enhance the Effectiveness of UN-Habitat.

In this regard, and further to paragraph 173 of Resolution 71/256 on the New Urban Agenda, I am pleased to announce that the two-day high-level meeting of the General Assembly to discuss the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the positioning of UN-Habitat in this regard, will be held on 5 to 6 September 2017 at UN Headquarters, New York.

Details relating to the programme and format of the meeting will be provided in due course.

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

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Peter Thomson

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



THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL

12 June 2017

Dear Mr. President,

I wish to thank you for our helpful discussion this week about the Secretary-General's High-level Independent Assessment for UN- Habitat. As discussed with your team, I would be grateful if you could forward the attached letter to Member and non-Member States.

Thank you very much in advance for your support.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Amina J. Mohammed

His Excellency
Mr. Peter Thompson
President of the General Assembly
New York



THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL

12 June 2017

Excellency,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you to update you on the good progress made by the Secretary-General's High-level Panel to Assess and Enhance the Effectiveness of UN-Habitat.

Since the Panel was announced on 12 April 2017, it has met two times and has worked diligently to consult with Member and non-Member States, stakeholders and United Nations agencies to gather substantive material that will inform its assessment and recommendations for the future of UN-Habitat.

The Panel will next meet in New York on 14 and 15 June 2017, and will request a briefing with Permanent Representatives and Observers to the United Nations at that time. The Panel is also working to schedule a second trip to Nairobi to meet with the Committee of Permanent Representatives for UN-Habitat. Member and non-Member States will receive letters of invitation from the Secretariat that is supporting the Panel on an ongoing basis.

Meanwhile, Panel members and Member and non-Member States have stressed that the time for producing a robust and bold assessment was too short, and the deadline for the report has been extended to 30 July 2017. I truly hope that this extension will provide more time for Member and non-Member States to meet with the Panel and share perspectives and ideas on an ongoing basis to inform this important work.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or comments at any time, and please always feel free to communicate with the Panel directly by contacting the Secretariat at hlpunhabitat@un.org and/or www.hlpunhabitat.org.

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

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