



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

The General Assembly, being the organ of the United Nations with universal membership, is uniquely positioned to facilitate effective multilateral engagement to address global challenges. Dialogue has been the essence of diplomacy. The Charter requires us to seek solutions through negotiation, enquiry, mediation, conciliation, and arbitration, among other peaceful mechanisms. Dialogue is a critical means to truly bridge differences and find solutions.

In view of this, I will be launching a new initiative called “Morning Dialogues”. The series of dialogues, which aims to be a platform for discussion of issues, will be informal and under Chatham House rules. They will take place in small groups and be thematically focused.

As “Morning Dialogues” are planned, further details will be shared with you. I look forward to your active participation. I intend to convene these dialogues twice each month. The first “Morning Dialogue” with all women Permanent Representatives will be convened in November.

I am truly convinced that we can enhance the effectiveness of the work we are doing if we engage in genuine dialogue.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajcak', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miroslav Lajčák

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