



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

21 November 2017

Excellency,

In reference to General Assembly resolution 70/262 and Security Council resolution 2282 (2016) on the Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture, I will convene a High-level meeting to assess efforts undertaken and opportunities to strengthen the United Nations' work on peacebuilding and sustaining peace on 24 and 25 April 2018.

Please find enclosed further details on the format of the High-level meeting, on the basis of which my Chef de Cabinet, Ambassador František Ružička, held an informal briefing today, on 21 November 2017, at 4:00 p.m. at the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

I take the opportunity to once again express my hope that the High-level meeting will enjoy the highest possible level of participation on the part of your Government.

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



Miroslav Lajčák

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

High-level meeting on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace

(24-25 April 2018, New York)

Overview

The overarching objective of the High-level meeting is to assess efforts undertaken and opportunities to strengthen the United Nations' work on peacebuilding and sustaining peace as per resolutions 70/262 and 2282 (2016) on the Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture.

As specific objectives, the meeting will also reflect on how to:

- 1) Adjust to the new UN approach to peace with the emphasis on conflict prevention;
- 2) Strengthen operational and policy coherence within the United Nations system towards peacebuilding and sustaining peace;
- 3) Increase, restructure and better prioritize funding to United Nations peacebuilding activities;
- 4) Strengthen partnerships between the UN and key stakeholders in the field;
- 5) Address the root causes of conflict to sustain peace;
- 6) Address the role of women and youth in peacebuilding.

Format

The High-level meeting is scheduled to take place on 24 and 25 April 2018. It will open on Tuesday, 24 April, with an opening segment and contributions from high-level speakers with experience on peacebuilding and sustaining peace. It will then be followed by high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly, where Member States will be able to deliver their statements.

During the two-day event, four interactive dialogues will be held in parallel to the high-level plenary meeting, which will focus on objectives mentioned above and take into account the report of the Secretary-General as per resolutions 70/262 and 2282 (2016) on the Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture.

On the first day, two interactive dialogues will be held in the afternoon. On the second day, the plenary debate will continue and another two interactive dialogues will take place in the morning. The dialogues are designed to be informal and interactive in nature. They will be open to Member States and civil society representatives, private sector, regional and sub-regional organizations and the UN entities.

The speakers list will follow the established practices of the General Assembly. Member States are encouraged to participate at the highest possible level.

Member States will be informed about further details on the themes and composition of the informal interactive dialogues in due time.