



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

15 December 2017

Excellency,

Following my letter dated 3 October 2017, I have the honor to reiterate the invitation for your Government to participate in the high-level event on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace on 24 and 25 April 2018 at the highest possible level.

As you may recall, the United Nations has made a commitment to take a more comprehensive approach to peace, by adopting the concept of sustaining peace as defined by resolutions on the review of the United Nations peacebuilding architecture, both in the General Assembly (A/RES/70/262) and the Security Council [S/RES/2282(2016)] in 2016.

The high-level meeting will be an occasion for participants from government, civil society, including women's groups and representatives of youth, the private sector, regional and sub-regional organizations and academia to discuss ways they can support sustaining peace in practice. Although the primary responsibility of designing peacebuilding and sustaining peace policies rests with Governments, the United Nations needs to be ready to support Member States in their peacebuilding priorities while also building on local expertise of strategic and operational partners.

As per the briefing to all Member States held by my office on 20 November 2017, the format of the high-level meeting consists of an opening segment, a high-level plenary debate, four interactive dialogues and a closing segment. The concept note and provisional program will be circulated to all Member States and made available on the President of the General Assembly website (www.un.org/pga/72).

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajčák', written in a cursive style.

Miroslav Lajčák

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