



THE PRESIDENT  
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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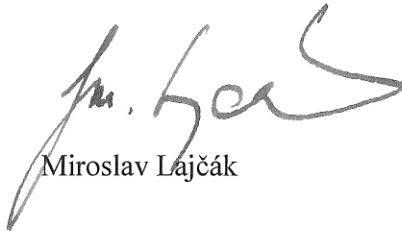
Excellency,

I wish to refer to General Assembly Resolution 72/243 of 22 December 2017, by which the General Assembly decided to hold a high-level plenary meeting in 2018 a day before the start of the general debate of the seventy third session, focusing on global peace, in honour of the centenary of the birth of Nelson Mandela.

In this regard, I have the honour to inform you that I have appointed H.E. Mr. Jerry Matthews Matjila, Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa, and H.E. Ms. Geraldine Byrne Nason, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Ireland, to co-facilitate an open and transparent consultative process with Member States to produce a political declaration for adoption at the opening of the plenary meeting of the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit.

I would like to thank Ambassadors Matjila and Nason for having accepted this important responsibility and I trust you will extend your full support and cooperation to them.

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



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