



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

8 February 2018

Excellency,

I refer to General Assembly resolution 70/202 entitled “Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States” by which the General Assembly requested the President of the General Assembly to appoint two co-chairs to lead the Steering Committee on partnerships for SIDS, which function is to support the follow-up of existing, and promote and advocate for the launch of new small island developing States partnerships.

I have the honor to appoint H.E. Ms. Lois M. Young, the Permanent Representative of Belize to the United Nations, and H.E. Mrs. Geraldine Patricia Byrne Nason, the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations, as co-chairs of the Steering Committee on partnerships for SIDS and I thank them for their commitment and leadership on this issue.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank H.E. Mr. Ahmed Sareer, the former Permanent Representative of Maldives to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Sebastiano Cardi, the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations, for their invaluable contribution in leading the Steering Committee on partnerships for SIDS since 17 January 2017.

I trust that you will extend to them your full support and cooperation.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajčák', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Miroslav Lajčák

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