



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

22 February 2018

Excellency,

Further to my letter of 12 January 2018 regarding the election of the next President of the General Assembly in accordance with resolution 71/323 “Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly”, I have the honour to enclose herewith the letter from H.E. Ms. Mary Elizabeth Flores Flake, Permanent Representative of Honduras to the United Nations, transmitting her vision outline for the Presidency of the 73<sup>rd</sup> session of the General Assembly.

As announced in my previous letter, I intend to convene informal interactive dialogues mandated in resolution 71/323 in early May 2018. Further information regarding the modalities and the dates will be distributed in due course.

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

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

Miroslav Lajčák

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

MISION PERMANENTE DE HONDURAS ANTE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS

New York, 21 February 2018.

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith my Vision Outline for the Presidency of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

This document contains my vision and the proposed key priorities for the 73<sup>rd</sup> Session, under the theme *“Time for Global Actions to Consolidate Transgenerational Peace and Security – Building Bridges to Connect a United Nations Agenda in Benefit of Children”*.

I am looking forward to engaging with all Member States in an interactive dialogue as mandated in Resolution 71/323 of the General Assembly *“Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly”*.

I invite you to contribute to this vision by sharing your insights.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my utmost consideration.

  
Mary E. Flores  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative



H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák  
President of the General Assembly of the United Nations  
New York.

## VISION OUTLINE PGA 73rd SESSION

By Ambassador Mary Elizabeth Flores Flake, Permanent Representative of Honduras to the United Nations.

In conformity with the General Assembly Resolution 71/323 of the 8th of September 2017 “Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly” and according to provisions contained in paragraph 73, requesting candidates for the position of President of the General Assembly to share their Vision and engage in an interactive dialogue with all member states, I am honored to present my vision outline, including the proposed main priorities for the office of the President of the General Assembly (OPGA).

In the event of the General Assembly election and in good faith the membership conferring in our leadership the honor of exercising the powers and functions of the President of the General Assembly in the 73 session in September 2018, upon taking the oath of office in adherence to the Charter of the United Nations, Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, with the support, collaboration and participation of the membership the PGA office will implement the following proposal and initiatives:

Theme: “Time for Global Actions to Consolidate Transgenerational Peace and Prosperity – Building bridges to connect a United Nations Agenda in benefit of Children.

We find ourselves in a world facing global challenges, amidst new opportunities to convene joint engagement in furthering the work of the United Nations, and strengthening the role of the General Assembly, as the one and only world forum, parliament of humanity, and catalyst of multilateral actions worldwide. A home where small states have a voice and can be equal to large states and powers.

Honduras is a proud founding member of this Organization and community of nations. In being afforded this opportunity to serve as President under the authority of the General Assembly, the agenda will center in the resolution mandated processes, conferences and events for this session, fostering open and inclusive participation, by creating spaces for permanent dialogue with member states, enhancing the work of General Committee, as well as of the Main Committees. The focus will be in sharing and implementing the 2030 Agenda, attending to children, Millennials and Sustainable Development Generation (SDGeneration). My endeavors will build upon past Presidencies and session of the General Assembly and be directed along the following primary lines of action:

The Priorities-

The PGA office will focus on Peace and International cooperation, development of International law, and will engage the GA in dialogue, discussion and debate in line with the mandate in the

charter, complementary and in coordination other organs, in with furthering the role of multilateralism. A key priority will be supporting the work of member states and Secretary General in the ongoing process of reforms and revamping of our Organization and International Architecture upon the three pillars.

The 73rd session will offer a platform for diversity building bridges across regions and Continents, connecting families and communities, bridging cultures and civilizations. ancestral traditions and innovation. This will be a forum for the Culture of Peace, bridging the gaps and ensuring the equal rights of men and women, creating opportunities in sustainable development and access to financing. The session will bring leaders together in implementing and translating commitments into actions.

#### 1. Culture of Peace through Dialogue and Relatedness

The 73rd session will focus on providing a space for constructive communication among stakeholders, fostering and sharing of values of diversity, tolerance, mutual acceptance, human rights and non-violence, in membership participation and initiatives in pursuance of creating a Culture of Sustainable Peace.

The session will begin in this spirit in celebrating the GA mandated Nelson Mandela Peace Summit UNGA High-Level Plenary Peace Summit on September 24, 2018, and adopting the political declaration, preceding the General Debate. This will be an opportunity to convene and encourage participation of Heads of State and Government, World leaders, intellectuals and key actors in coming together to recognize the legacy of Nelson Mandela in honor of a centenary of his birth, and to commit to an agenda standing for Peace.

The Culture of Peace will prevail during all the meetings and initiatives throughout the 73rd session, furthering awareness, education and participation building momentum towards the High Level Event on the Culture of Peace in 2019.

#### 2. Sustainable Development is Dignity

Sustainable Development is more than an objective; it is an imperative of human dignity. The Sustainable Development Agenda provides a transgenerational framework to transform our world.

The implementation of the 2030 Agenda is supported in the realization of a connected global partnership where proven practices, innovation and technology breakthroughs play a key role. In the 73rd Agenda member states will focus on creating alignments in national plans and can further contribute to shared agendas across boundaries at a regional level and across continents.

A core component to development is adopting a Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. The 73rd session will encourage engagement and support in successful negotiations and Conference taking place in Morocco December 10-11, 2018.

This session will foster participation and contribute to the outcome of the High Level Political Forum 2019, given its central role in the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda. in consideration of the Global Sustainable Development Report.

During this session the PGA office will convene members and partners in implementing the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, as well as identifying, accessing and creating new financing tools, mechanisms, strategies and frameworks to support and enhance the sustainable development agenda.

-Financing SDG and Partnerships: The 2030 Agenda is a call for global cooperation and the realization of a strong global partnership, where innovation and technology breakthroughs play a key role; and the session will foster multi-stakeholder partnerships, upon an inclusive platform in knowledge, expertise, technology and financial support. In this endeavor, we will engage governments, parliaments, civil society and all stakeholders to work together and support a financing compact and support new smart mechanisms of the finance architecture.

As a woman, I believe in women's unique leadership. By creating opportunities and supporting conditions which contribute to the welfare women, alongside the leadership of men, will benefit the entire community and lay a strong foundation in international peace, security and development for future generations.

Women empowerment is a prerequisite of sustainable development, ending poverty, inequality, achieving sustainable peace, harmony with the environment, climate consciousness, and shared prosperity.

### 3. An agenda for the wellbeing of Humanity, and Children at the center

During the 73rd session all efforts and initiatives will be dedicated on behalf of children and their wellbeing, with special consideration to the most vulnerable.

To this end, the PGA will support initiatives and actions that reassure respect of Children's rights, and their fulfillment.

Essential to secure our Children's future is their wellbeing, safety, security, nurturing and support. In this regard the agenda includes focusing in supporting all caretakers, primarily women. And recognizing the role of family, guardians and educators.

Member States at the highest level will be requested to make commitments and uphold them in this session in a Global Agenda for Children. A high level summit will be convened to reinvigorate collective commitments to coordinate and collaborate as an international

community and global coalition in a coherent and comprehensive response, which will ensure a follow up strategy to keep children and youth at the forefront of the U.N. agenda.

Res A/72/219 includes a call on the President of the 73 GA to convene a High level meeting on the issue of the Protection of the Global Climate for Present and Future generations of Humankind in the context of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

“Balancing the needs of present and future generations”.

In fulfilling upon a sustainable agenda to benefit our children we must embrace in this session education, technology, creativity and innovation, discovering and creating opportunities which contribute to healthy and prosperous communities and societies.

#### Principles of Conduct of the PGA

During the 73rd session, as PGA I will lead by example, upon the guidelines in the Code of Ethics, procure the highest standards of excellence and continue promoting the values and principles inherent to this Organization and its Charter in adherence to Integrity and impartiality; Transparency and accountability; and, Professionalism and effectiveness. This conduct is inclusive to all the staff of the office.

The PGA office will procure a climate of transparency, providing relevant, timely and accurate information regarding the activities and in particular the finances of her Office, including regular briefings to Member States on my activities.

The PGA office and session will foster relations with the media and build support for the Sustainable Development agenda.

#### The GA DEBATE

September 18-30, 2018 It is an opportunity to promote a substantial discussion, encouraging leaders to listen to each other and come together in advancing the agenda of world peace. The PGA office will encourage dialogue and encourage and support bilateral and other meeting rooms are made available to all member states.

During this session the PGA with the support of all the membership will convene a High Level Event on Children and the SDGs, an international Cultural, Musical and Culinary fair States are represented.

73rd Session Presidency- GRULAC is assigned to serve as President of the General Assembly in the 73rd Session, corresponding to the 5 year rotation scheme outlined in Rule 30 of the Rules of Procedure. Honduras presented the candidature in GRULAC 09/03/12.

As of today Honduras is the Clean Slate candidate in GRULAC requesting the endorsement of our Group and of all the United Nations Membership. It is our aspiration seeking this prestigious office after 72 years

of our membership, we will be elected by acclamation as precedent of a great number of Presidencies in the history of the General Assembly. We are thankful to be part of this community and for this opportunity and count on your guidance and support. It would be a great privilege to become the fourth woman to preside a session of the General Assembly.

21 February 2018.