



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

5 February 2018

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit the letter from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. Mr. António Guterres dated 30 January 2018 regarding the appointment of the Secretary-General of the Intergovernmental Conference pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/249.

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



Miroslav Lajčák

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



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

30 January 2018

Dear Mr. President,

Further to General Assembly resolution 72/249 of 24 December 2017, entitled “International legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction”, I have decided to appoint Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel, as Secretary-General of the Intergovernmental Conference convened under the auspices of the United Nations pursuant to that resolution.

I would be grateful if this letter could be shared with the members of the General Assembly.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'António Guterres', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

António Guterres

His Excellency
Mr. Miroslav Lajčák
President of the General Assembly
New York