

THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

14 February 2018

Excellency,

I refer to General Assembly resolution 72/249 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", by which the General Assembly requested the President of the General Assembly to undertake consultations, in an open and transparent manner, for the nomination of a President-designate or co-Presidents-designate of the intergovernmental conference.

Following extensive consultations with Member States, I have the honour to nominate Mrs. Rena Lee, the Senior State Counsel of the International Affairs Division of the Attorney-General's Chambers of Singapore as the President-designate of the Intergovernmental Conference convened under the auspices of the United Nations pursuant to that resolution.

I trust that you will extend to Mrs. Rena Lee and the Government of Singapore your full support and cooperation.

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

Miroslav Lajčák

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