



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

19 February 2018

Excellency,

I would like to refer to the repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the General Assembly resolution 71/243 related to the quadrennial comprehensive policy review (QCPR) of operational activities for development of the UN system.

The President of ECOSOC, H.E. Ms. Marie Chatardová, formally informed me of the conclusions of the extensive consultations convened by the Vice President of ECOSOC, H.E. Mr. Marc Pecsteen de Buytsverve on the way forward. These consultations led to a general agreement among Member States to take the process forward under the auspices of the General Assembly, after the conclusion of the ECOSOC's Operational Activities Segment.

Following consultations with Member States, I have decided to appoint H.E. Mr. Sabri Boukadoum, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Algeria and H.E. Mr. Ib Petersen, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Denmark as co-facilitators to lead the intergovernmental consultations on this important process.

The early appointment of the co-facilitators is justified by the aim to provide them with an opportunity to closely follow the ongoing consultations under the ECOSOC and get a better understanding of positions as well as expectations of Member States.

I would like to thank Ambassadors Boukadoum and Petersen for having accepted this important responsibility and I trust you will extend full support to them throughout the process.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajčák', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miroslav Lajčák

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