16 March 2018

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to forward herewith a letter dated 16 March 2018 from the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (AHWG), H.E. Mr. Vladimir Drobnjak, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Croatia, and H.E. Ms. María Emma Mejía Vélez, Permanent Representative of Colombia, concerning the briefings, as well as the interactive dialogue between Permanent Missions and the Secretariat, to be held during the upcoming meetings of the AHWG.

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

Miroslav Lajčák

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

In our capacity as Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (AHWG), we wish to express our appreciation to all delegations for their active participation at the meetings held so far, and would like to use this opportunity to inform Member States about the briefings to be held during the upcoming thematic meetings of the AHWG.

At the second thematic meeting on working methods, scheduled for 20 March, the AHWG will be briefed by the Chairs of the Main Committees on any best practices and lessons learned with a view to improving the Main Committees’ working methods, as mandated by paragraph 21 of resolution 71/323.

At the interactive dialogue between Permanent Missions and the Secretariat, scheduled for 5 April, and as mandated by paragraph 11 of resolution 71/323, Member States will have the opportunity to engage with representatives of DGACM, DM, DSS and DPI.

At the third thematic meeting on the selection and appointment of the Secretary General and other executive heads to be held on 16 April, the AHWG will be briefed by the Office of Human Resources Management on the gender balance and origin of the executive heads of the UN system and the Senior Management Group, pursuant to paragraph 65 of resolution 71/323.

At the fourth thematic meeting on strengthening the accountability, transparency and institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, to be held on 27 April, the Working Group will be briefed on the implementation of all mandates accorded to the PGA by resolution 71/323, and on the sources of funding and staffing of the OPGA, in line with paragraphs 84 and 75 of resolution 71/323, respectively.

We look forward to your continued active participation in the meetings of the AHWG. The Co-Chairs remain available for an exchange of views in the months to come.

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

Maria Emma Mejía Vélez
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Colombia

Vladimir Drobnjak
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Croatia

To: All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations, New York