



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

24 May 2018

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 22 February 2018, I would like to recall that the election of Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly and the election of Chairs of the Main Committees at the seventy-third session of the General Assembly will take place on 5 June 2018.

Achieving gender parity at all levels of decision-making within the United Nations system is key to achieve our common goals. Earlier this year, the Secretary-General has achieved gender parity at the most senior levels of the United Nations for the first time since its establishment.

As a Gender Champion myself, I am committed to ensure gender equality in the work of the General Assembly. In paragraph 44 of its resolution A/RES/71/323 on the “Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly”, the Assembly encouraged Member States to seek gender balance in the distribution of the Chairs and bureau members of the Main Committees as well as the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly, where applicable. During the seventy-second session, only five out of the 21 Vice-Presidents are women and all Chairs of the six Main Committees are men.

In this respect, I wish to encourage Member States to nominate female candidates for the position of Vice-Presidents and Chairs of the Main Committees at the seventy-third session with a view to ensure gender balance in the work of the General Assembly.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajčák', written in a cursive style.

Miroslav Lajčák

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