

3 May 2018

Excellency,

In order to strengthen the accountability, transparency and institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, for your information, I have the honour to transmit a memo from my meeting with the President of the Security Council for the month of May 2018, H.E. Ms Joanna Wronecka, Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations.

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

Miroslav Lajčák

## PGA Office Memo: Meeting between the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council for the month of May 2018, the Permanent Representative of Poland, on 3 May 2018

The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, met on 3 May 2018 with the President of the Security Council for the month of May, H.E. Ms. Joanna Wronecka, Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations.

The Permanent Representative of Poland briefed the President of the General Assembly (PGA) on the Security Council's programme of work for the month of May 2018. H.E. Ms. Joanna Wronecka highlighted the open debate titled "The role of the UN Security Council in preserving international law in the context of ensuring international peace and security," which Poland is planning to organize during its presidency. The meeting is expected to be chaired by the President of the Republic of Poland H.E. Mr. Andrzej Duda. A ministerial-level open debate on the protection of civilians in armed conflict is also envisaged, with Polish Foreign Minister H.E. Mr. Jacek Czaputowicz chairing the meeting. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland will also preside over the briefing of the Security Council on the situation in Ukraine in the end of the month of May 2018. Among other topics, the President of the Security Council expects the Council to follow closely developments in Africa and Middle East — Syria in particular. Following the recently concluded Security Council's mission to Bangladesh and Myanmar, the briefing of the Council on that mission will be organized in the month of May.

The PGA informed about the state of play of the long-termed processes of the General Assembly. The fourth meeting of the inter-governmental negotiations (IGN) on Security Council reform took place in the beginning of May and the PGA was pleased to observe a high level of engagement on the part of membership. In terms of reforms, as for repositioning of the UN development system, the final draft resolution was under silence procedure until 4 May 2018. Negotiations on the Global Compact on Migration are at the mid-way point and the PGA will convene the final multistakeholder hearing in the month of May. As part of his commitment to bring the United Nations closer to young people, the PGA also informed about his plan to host a Youth Dialogue on 30 May 2018. This one-day event seeks to listen to the ideas, needs and concerns of young people on bridging education and skills training with employment in the 21st century, as well as on the prevention of radicalization.

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