



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

11 May 2018

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 12 January 2018, and in accordance with General Assembly resolution 72/243, which decided to hold a high level plenary meeting of the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit in 2018, a day before the start of the general debate, in honour of the centenary of the birth of Nelson Mandela.

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 11 May 2018 from H.E. Mr. Jerry Matjila, Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations and H.E. Ms. Geraldine Byrne Nason, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations, the co-facilitators for the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit, informing Member States of the first informal meeting on Thursday 17 May 2018, at 10 am in Conference Room 1, to hear your views on elements that should be incorporated into the political declaration.

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

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Miroslav Lajčák

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



PERMANENT MISSION OF
SOUTH AFRICA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS



Buan-Ionad na hÉireann
chun na Náisiún Aontaithe

Permanent Mission of Ireland
to the United Nations

11 May 2018

Excellencies,

On 12 January 2018, the President of the General informed all delegations of the appointment of the undersigned, Jerry Matthews Matjila, Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa, and H.E. Ms. Geraldine Byrne Nason, Permanent Representative of Ireland, to co-facilitate an open and transparent consultative process with Member States to produce a political declaration for adoption at the opening of the plenary meeting of the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit.

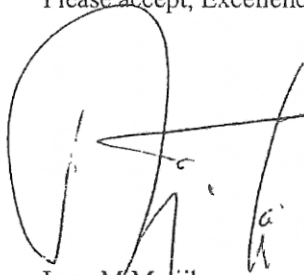
As decided in General Assembly resolution 72/243, the co-facilitators will hold open, transparent and inclusive intergovernmental negotiations with all Member States and intergovernmental organizations that have observer status with the Assembly, with a view to producing a short and concise political declaration for adoption at the opening plenary meeting of the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit.

The co-facilitators intend to hold the first meeting on Thursday, 17 May 2018, at 10 am in Conference Room 1 to hear views on elements to be included in the political declaration. A second meeting will be held on Thursday, 24 May 2018, at 10 am in the Trusteeship Council. We envisage circulating our zero draft of the political declaration shortly before the second meeting. The informal consultations at expert level will follow after with the intention to complete the political declaration before International Nelson Mandela Day on 18 July 2018. The aim is to adopt the political declaration during the opening plenary of the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit on 24 September 2018.

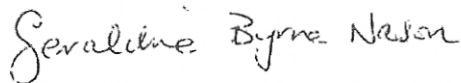
We highly value the importance of an open, transparent and inclusive process and encourage all interested delegations to raise any ideas or concerns with us. Should delegations or groups of delegations wish to consult with the co-facilitators, please contact the Mission of South Africa (Mr Lyle Davidson, e-mail: DavidsonL@dirco.gov.za) or the Mission of Ireland (Mr Mícheál Tierney, e-mail: Micheal.Tierney@dfa.ie).

We are looking forward to engaging with delegations on this important subject.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurance of our highest consideration

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jerry M Majjila', with a large, stylized initial 'J' and 'M'.

Jerry M Majjila
Co-facilitator
Permanent Representative
of the Republic of South Africa
to the United Nations

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Geraldine Byrne Nason', in a cursive script.

Geraldine Byrne Nason
Co-facilitator
Permanent Representative
of Ireland
to the United Nations