



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

4 June 2018

Excellency,

I would like to refer to General Assembly resolution 72/272 of 10 May 2018 entitled “Towards a Global Pact for the Environment”, which decided to establish an ad hoc open-ended working group to consider options to address possible gaps in international environmental law and environmental related instruments. In its paragraph 6, Member States requested the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-second session to appoint two co-chairs of the ad hoc open-ended working group, one from a developing country and one from a developed country.

Following consultations with Member States, I have decided to appoint H.E. Mr. Francisco António Duarte Lopes, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Portugal and H.E. Ms. Amal Mudallali, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Lebanon as co-chairs of the ad hoc open-ended working group.

I would like to thank Ambassadors Duarte Lopes and Mudallali 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 dark ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajčák', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miroslav Lajčák

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