



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

9 July 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 July 2018, H.E. Mr Olof Skoog, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajčák', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miroslav Lajčák

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

**PGA Office Memo: Meeting between the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council for the month of July 2018, the Permanent Representative of Sweden, on 6 July 2018**

The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, met on 6 July 2018 with the President of the Security Council for the month of July, H.E. Mr Olof Skoog, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations.

The Swedish Permanent Representative briefed the President of the General Assembly (PGA) on the Security Council's programme of work for the month of July 2018. H.E. Mr Olof Skoog drew attention to several thematic debates organized by the Presidency. Swedish Prime Minister H.E. Mr Stefan Löfven will be chairing a high-level open debate on children and armed conflict on 9 July 2018 and the day after, the Foreign Minister of Sweden, H.E. Mrs. Margot Wallström, will preside over a briefing on the Sahel and Lake Chad Basin focused on women, peace and security. On 11 July 2018, Sweden will hold a debate of the Council on climate-related security risks. The Council is also expected to follow developments in the Middle East, in Yemen and Syria in particular. The quarterly open debate on Israel/Palestine is scheduled in the Council's programme of work for the month of July too. Among other meetings, the Council will hold consultations on Myanmar and on the UN Verification Mission in Colombia.

The PGA informed the President of the Security Council for the month of July about key developments in the General Assembly. The Plenary on 5 July 2018 adopted resolutions on management and peace and security architecture reforms aimed at improving the Organization's functioning. Together with the implementation of the resolution on repositioning of the UN development system already taking place, Member States have thus reached agreements by consensus on all three tracks of UN reforms proposed by the Secretary-General during the 72nd session. On the same day the General Assembly adopted 25 resolutions and 1 decision from its Fifth Committee and it also authorized the allocation of \$6.69 billion to finance UN peacekeeping missions from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019. With regard to the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations on issues related to the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, the sixth and final round of negotiations will be held from 9 to 13 July 2018. The PGA also informed the Swedish Permanent Representative that Member States have concluded the consideration of the agenda item on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council on 29 June 2018, with the adoption of the relevant oral decision.

Ahead of the forthcoming General Debate during the 73<sup>rd</sup> Session of the General Assembly and bearing in mind high-level events taking place on its margins in September 2018 (Nelson Mandela Peace Summit on 24 September 2018, High-level meeting on the fight against tuberculosis on 26 September 2018 and High-level meeting to undertake a comprehensive review of the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases on 27 September 2018), the PGA noted that preparations for these meetings are underway.

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