



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

27 July 2018

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit a letter from Her Excellency Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President-elect of the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajčák', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Miroslav Lajčák

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



REPÚBLICA DEL ECUADOR

New York, 26 July 2018

Dear Mr. President,

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 58/126, “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”, the President-elect of the General Assembly is to propose an issue, or issues of global concern upon which the Member States will be invited to comment during the General Debate at the forthcoming session of the General Assembly.

Following consultations with Member States, and in line with the principle that the United Nations is the preeminent international forum for dialogue and proponent of action around the advancement of peace and security, human rights and development, and in accordance with the priorities I have outlined in my acceptance speech before the General Assembly on 5 June 2018, I propose the theme of the 73rd General Debate to be as follows:

**“Making the United Nations relevant to all people:
Global leadership and shared responsibilities for peaceful, equitable and sustainable societies”**

In this regard, I would appreciate that Heads of State and Government comment on the continuing relevance of the United Nations system and the body of international conventions and agreements that inform public policies and impact the lives and wellbeing of all people. Bringing the United Nations closer to the people of the world enhances public understanding and support for multilateralism and the implementation of commitments made by the General Assembly. I also invite world leaders to present their views on the importance of a shared vision and determined leadership to effectively address the urgent challenges of peace, equity and sustainability of our society.

I would be grateful if Your Excellency could circulate this letter to all Member States to assist with their preparations for the upcoming General Debate.

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

María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés
President-Elect of the Seventy-Third Session of the General Assembly

His Excellency
Mr. Miroslav Lajčák
President of the Seventy-Second Session
United Nations General Assembly
New York