

6 August 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 August 2018, H.E. Mrs. Karen Pierce, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations.

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

/ 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 August 2018, the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom, on 12 July 2018

The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, met on 12 July 2018 with the President of the Security Council for the month of August, H.E. Mrs Karen Pierce, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations.

The Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom briefed the President of the General Assembly (PGA) on the Security Council's programme of work for the month of August 2018. H.E. Mrs Karen Pierce highlighted two discretionary events to be held at the end of the month August. An open debate on "Mediation and Settlement of Disputes" is scheduled on 29 August 2018 and a briefing of the Security Council on the situation in Myanmar will be convened the day before, on 28 August 2018. Secretary-General António Guterres is expected to brief at both events. The Council is expected to follow the situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question, Yemen, Syria, Iraq, and Lebanon scheduled in the Council's programme of work. Furthermore, meetings focused on Africa, including on Western Sahara, Burundi and Guinea-Bissau, are also planned. Among other meetings, the Council will be briefed on threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts on 22 August 2018, and the chair of the 1718 Democratic People's Republic of Korea Sanctions Committee will provide Council members with his briefing on 30 August 2018.

The PGA informed the President of the Security Council for the month of August about key developments in the General Assembly. This included the alignment process in the 72nd session, which was expected to conclude during the month of July, and the plan for the language from that process to be forwarded to the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly for its consideration. The Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly will continue its negotiations during the week of 27 August 2018 and should conclude by 7 September 2018.

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