The President of the General Assembly (PGA), H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, met on 1 November 2018 with the President of the Security Council for the month of November, H.E. Mr. MA Zhaoxu, Permanent Representative of the People’s Republic of China to the United Nations.

The Permanent Representative briefed the PGA on the Security Council’s programme of work for November 2018. He highlighted the Security Council would hold two Open Debate sessions namely on the Maintenance of international peace and security: strengthening multilateralism and the role of the United Nations and Peace and Security in Africa: strengthening peacekeeping operations in Africa. The PGA commended the Programme of Work and thanked the Permanent Representative for the invitation for her to speak at the Open Debate entitled “Maintenance of international peace and security: strengthening multilateralism and the role of the United Nations.” The PGA praised the important initiative to discuss multilateralism and cited the successful outcome of the high-level dialogue on strengthening multilateralism which was jointly organized by the Presidents of the General Assembly, Security Council and United Nations Economic and Social Council on 31 October 2018. The PGA and the Permanent Representative also expressed their readiness for greater collaboration between the two important organs in advancing the agenda of peace and security of the United Nations.

The Permanent Representative thanked the PGA for agreeing to attend the artistic performance by China Disabled People’s Performing Art Troupe in Lincoln Centre on 6 November.