

PGA Office Memo: Meeting between the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council for the month of August, the Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations on 14 August 2019

The President of the General Assembly (PGA), H.E. Mrs. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, met on 14 August 2019 with the President of the Security Council for the month of August, H.E. Ms. Joanna Wronecka, Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations.

The PGA commended the programme of work of Poland's presidency, which among others, focuses on the importance of international humanitarian law and safety of religious minorities in armed conflict situations. The Permanent Representative also said that the Arria formula meeting to discuss the safety of religious minorities in armed conflict situations is scheduled for 22 August. The event is also in conjunction with the General Assembly Resolution A/RES/73/296 on the International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief. The Foreign Minister of Poland is expected to preside the meeting.

Both also discussed the importance of respect for freedom of religion or belief and cultural diversity in promoting peace, as well as international peace and security issues. They reaffirmed the need for greater coordination between the General Assembly and the Security Council in maintaining international peace and security. In this regard, the PGA said her office intends to convene the plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the "Report of the Security Council" by the end of this month. The Permanent Representative said that the draft report is under consideration of council members and would be ready before her presidency ends.

The Permanent Representative commended PGA's able leadership and her active presidency. She reaffirmed Poland's continued commitment to supporting the work of the General Assembly.

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