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The President of the 74th Session of the UN General Assembly, H.E. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, today held a meeting with H.E. Jerry Matthews Matjila, the Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa and Security Council President for October 2019.

Ambassador Matjila briefed the PGA on the Council’s agenda for the month including efforts towards peace in various countries and regions of the world, focusing on preventive diplomacy as a way to achieve global peace and security. Both expressed the need for progress on the Middle East peace process especially in regard to the Israeli/Palestinian issue as well as Syria.

The PGA and the Ambassador agreed that the role of women and youth in peace and security is vital. They emphasized, in particular, the importance of the forthcoming 75th Anniversary of the UN and “Beijing + 25” as well as the 20th anniversary of UNSC Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security as veritable opportunities to showcase women’s role as a catalyst towards the attainment of global peace and security.

H.E. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande thanked H.E. Jerry Matthews Matjila for his visit and looked forward to closely collaborating with him throughout the 74th Session of the General Assembly and wished him best of luck for the rest of the month.