



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

21 October 2015

Excellency,

I wish to refer to my letter dated 8 October 2015 regarding the informal meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the seventieth anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter, which I will convene on 23 October 2015. In this regard, I have the honour to enclose an updated programme for your information.

I wish to note that owing to the expected high number of Member States seeking to take the floor during the meeting. Subsequently, invited speakers and those speaking on behalf of regional groups are kindly requested to limit their remarks to five minutes and all other speakers to two to three minutes.

I am also pleased to forward herewith the attached "advance unedited" version of a draft resolution proposing the adoption of a Declaration on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of the United Nations.

I would like to express my gratitude to the delegation of Spain for their efforts in conducting the consultations on the text. With the consent of the membership, I intend to table the draft resolution for adoption by the Assembly at a plenary meeting to be held on 23 October 2015, at 3 p.m., immediately preceding the informal meeting.

Your support for the draft resolution will be highly appreciated.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mogens Lykketoft', written in a cursive style.

Mogens Lykketoft

To All Permanent Representatives
And Permanent Observers
To the United Nations
New York

Programme

70th Anniversary Commemorative Meeting - 23 October 2015

Date/Time/Venue

Friday 23 October 2015, 3pm - 6pm, Trusteeship Council Chamber

Programme

Plenary meeting

- 15.00 The President of the General Assembly opens the formal meeting and invites the General Assembly to consider and adopt draft resolution A/70/L.4 entitled "Declaration on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of the United Nations".
- 15.15 The President of the General Assembly closes the formal meeting.

Informal segment

- 15.15 The President of the General Assembly opens the informal meeting and invites representatives of the other UN Charter bodies present to join him on the podium
- 15.20 Reading of Maya Angelou Poem - "A Brave and Startling Truth" by Mr. Colin Johnson, grandson of Maya Angelou (lectern)
- 15.25 Presentation of a commemorative plaque by Mr. Colin Johnson to the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General
- 15.30 Statement by the President of the General Assembly (podium)
- 15.35 Statement by the Secretary-General (podium)
- 15.40 Statement by the President of the Security Council (podium)
- 15.45 Statement by the President of ECOSOC (podium)
- 15.50 Statement by the President of the Trusteeship Council (podium)
- 15.55 Statement by the Chair of the African States (floor)
- 16.00 Statement by the Chair of Asia-Pacific States (floor)
- 16.05 Statement by the Chair of Eastern European States (floor)

- 16.10 Statement by the Chair of Latin American and Caribbean States (floor)
- 16.15 Statement by the Chair of Western European and other States (floor)
- 16.20 Statement by the host country (floor)
- 16.25 The President of the General Assembly opens the floor to other statements by Member States, Observers and UN-system representatives (time permitting)
- 18.00 The President of the General Assembly closes the meeting



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Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly

**Declaration on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of the
United Nations**

The General Assembly,
Adopts the following declaration:

Declaration on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of the United Nations

We solemnly reaffirm our faith in the United Nations and our unfailing commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter, as well as to the Charter in its entirety.

We firmly believe that the Charter enshrines our common values as human beings, which unite us in diversity beyond our differences of language, culture or religion, today as seventy years ago.

We pay tribute to the founders of the United Nations and to the dedicated men and women who have contributed their work and sometimes their life to the ideals of the United Nations and we acknowledge the crucial role that the organization has played in the last seven decades in the fields of peace and security, human rights, and social and economic development

We wish to renew the determination set forth in the preamble of the Charter "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind" by recommitting to our obligation to refrain in our international relations from the threat or use of force against the

territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations.

We recommit ourselves to fulfil in good faith the obligations assumed by us in accordance with the Charter and to the principle of the sovereign equality of all States, respect for their territorial integrity and political independence, the right to self-determination of peoples, the non-intervention in the internal affairs of States and the resolution of international disputes by peaceful means and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law.

We reaffirm our faith in the inherent dignity of the human person and in the equal rights of women and men, as well as our commitment to promote, protect and ensure all human rights to all without distinction of any kind, and recognize those rights as the foundation of freedom, justice and peace. We are determined to renew our endeavours to cooperate in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character.

We recognize the important role played by the United Nations in the promotion of economic and social development in the last decades. In this regard, we recognize that eradicating poverty, in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. We are resolved to further the pursuit of global development and win-win cooperation through our full support to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We solemnly pledge to continue cooperating with a strong, legitimate and credible United Nations. We bear in mind the ongoing process of United Nations reforms in all their aspects. We are confident that with the responsibility and generosity of its members, the United Nations will be able to respond swiftly and efficiently to the challenges of tomorrow.