



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

21 March, 2016

Excellency,

I wish to refer to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem, to be held from 19 to 21 April 2016, in accordance with resolutions 67/193 of 20 December 2012, 69/200 of 18 December 2014 and 70/181 of 17 December 2015.

I am addressing you pursuant to my letter of February 19 2016 in which I was seeking the nominations from the regional groups for one Co-Chair, along with a first and second choice of a preferred roundtable and a panellist for each of the five roundtables, according to the respective resolutions and decisions (see Annex I).

Further to the communications sent by the Regional Groups I wish to inform you about the nominations received to date (see Annex II for overview):

Eastern European Group:

Roundtable 1: Mr. Arman Melkonyan, Adviser to the Minister of Health, Republic of Armenia

Roundtable 2: Mr. Konstantin Gobrusenko, Deputy Head of Department on countering Money Laundering of the Federal Monitoring Service, Russian Federation

Roundtable 3: H.E. Svatopluk Nemecek, Minister of Health, Czech Republic

Roundtable 5: Mr. Christian Leffler, Deputy Secretary General for Economic and Global Issues, European External Action Service

GRULAC:

Co-Chairs Roundtable 5<sup>1</sup>:

President H.E. Ollanta Humala, Peru;

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<sup>1</sup> As noted, the decision communicated on the 16 March 2016 by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States is that the 3 Co-Chairs will exercise their functions in a sequential manner.

President H.E. Evo Morales, The Plurinational State of Bolivia;

Prime Minister Hon. Perry Christie, Commonwealth of the Bahamas

Panellists:

Roundtable 1: H.E. Roberto Moro, Minister, Argentina

Roundtable 2: H.E. Milton Romani, Minister, Uruguay

Roundtable 3: H.E. Ana H. Chacon, Vice President, Costa Rica

Roundtable 4: H.E. Reyes Alvarado, Minister, Colombia

Roundtable 5: H.E. Claudia Ruiz Massieu, Minister, Mexico

WEOG:

Co-Chair Roundtable 3: H.E. Alan Berset, Head of the Federal Department of Home Affairs and Swiss Federal Minister of Health and Social Affairs, Switzerland

Panellists:

Roundtable 1: H.E. Bernt Hoie, Minister of Health and Care Services, Norway

Roundtable 2: Mr. Michael Botticelli, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, White House, United States of America

Roundtable 3: H.E. Gabriel Wikström, Minister for Health Care, Public Health and Sport, Sweden

Roundtable 4: Ms. Chloë Dunnett, National Drug Coordinator, UK Government, United Kingdom

Roundtable 5: Ms. Marlene Mortler, Federal Drugs Commissioner, Germany

African Group:

No nominations have been received to date

Asia-Pacific Group:

Co-Chair Roundtable 1: Ravindra Fernando, Chairman of the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board, Sri Lanka

Panellists:

Roundtable 1: H.E. K. Shanmugam, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law, Republic of Singapore

Roundtable 2: H.E. Seiji Kihara, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan

Roundtable 3: Dr. Dyah Setia Utami, SpKJ, MARs, Deputy Head of the National Narcotics Board, Republic of Indonesia

Roundtable 4: Mr. LIU Yuejin, Deputy Commissioner of China National Narcotics Control Commission, Vice Minister of Public Security, People's Republic of China

Roundtable 5: M.R. Disnadda Diskul, Chairman of the Board of the Mae Fah Luang Foundation under Royal Patronage of Thailand

Therefore, according to decision 58/16 para (d), I have decided to appoint as Co-Chairs of the respective roundtables and pending further nominations:

Co-Chair Roundtable 1: Ravindra Fernando, Chairman of the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board, Sri Lanka

Co-Chair Roundtable 3: H.E. Alan Berset, Head of the Federal Department of Home Affairs and Swiss Federal Minister of Health and Social Affairs, Switzerland

Co-Chairs Roundtable 5 :

President H.E. Ollanta Humala, Peru;

President H.E. Evo Morales, The Plurinational State of Bolivia;

Prime Minister Hon. Perry Christie, Commonwealth of the Bahamas

Additionally, pursuant to decision 58/16 para (e), please let me also inform you of the list of panellists nominated by the civil society task force for the special session:

Roundtable 1: Mr. Toure Lamine, Sopi Jikko, Senegal

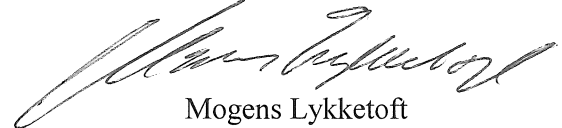
Roundtable 2: Ms. Priscilla Chavez Mendez, ACEID, Costa Rica

Roundtable 3: Mr. Ricky Gunawan, Lembaga Bantuan Hukum Masyarakat, Indonesia

Roundtable 4: Mr. Matej Kosir, Institute for Research and Development, Slovenia

Roundtable 5: Ms. Amapola Duran Salas, Transnational Institute, Peru

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



Mogens Lykketoft

To H.E. Mr. Vladimir Galuska

Chair of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its 59th session

cc

All Permanent Representatives

And Permanent Observers

To the United Nations

New York

## Annex I

According to resolution 70/181, the special session will consist of a general debate and five interactive multi-stakeholder roundtables conducted in parallel with the plenary meetings. I should like to draw your attention to paragraph 3(f) of the aforementioned resolution in which the Assembly decided that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND), as the entity leading the preparations for the special session, shall address in an open-ended manner, supported and guided by the President of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements for the roundtables. In line with that mandate, the CND, by its decision 58/16 of 11 December 2015 (see annex II), elaborated on logistical provisions for the roundtables, including with respect to the composition of the panellists.

In paragraph 4(e) of the decision, the CND decided that “each round table shall consist of a panel composed of five panellists to be nominated by the regional groups and one panellist nominated by the civil society task force for the special session; the panel could further include up to two speakers from the entities of the United Nations system. The final list of the panellists and other speakers will be drawn up by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in consultation with the President of the General Assembly.”

## Annex II

	Roundtable 1	Roundtable 2	Roundtable 3	Roundtable 4	Roundtable 5
Eastern European Group	Mr. Arman Melkonyan, Adviser to the Minister of Health, Republic of Armenia	Mr. Konstantin Gobrusenko, Deputy Head of Department on countering Money Laundering of the Federal Monitoring Service, Russian Federation	H.E. Svatopluk Nemecek, Minister of Health, Czech Republic		Mr. Christian Leffler, Deputy Secretary General for Economic and Global Issues, European External Action Service
GRULAC	H.E. Roberto Moro, Minister, Argentina	H.E. Milton Romani, Minister, Uruguay	H.E. Ana H. Chacon, Vice President, Costa Rica	H.E. Reyes Alvarado, Minister, Colombia	H.E. Claudia Ruiz Massieu, Minister, Mexico
WEOG	H.E. Bernt Hoie, Minister of Health and Care Services, Norway	Mr. Michael Botticelli, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, White House, USA	H.E. Gabriel Wikström, Minister for Health Care, Public Health and Sport, Sweden	Ms. Chloe Dunnett, National Drug Coordinator, UK Government, UK	Ms. Marlene Mortler, Federal Drugs Commissioner, Germany
African Group Asia-Pacific Group	H.E. K. Shanmugam, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law, Republic of Singapore	H.E. Seiji Kihara, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan	Dr. Dyah Setia Utami, SpKJ, MARS, Deputy Head of the National Narcotics Board, Republic of Indonesia	Mr. LIU Yuejin, Deputy Commissioner of China National Narcotics Control Commission, Vice Minister of Public Security, People's Republic of China	M.R. Disnadda Diskul, Chairman of the Board of the Mae Fah Luang Foundation under Royal Patronage of Thailand
Co-Chair Vienna	Amb. Pedro Moitinho de Almeida (WEOG)	Amb. Carmen Maria Gallardo Hernandez (GRULAC)	Amb. Dan Karoly (EEG)	Amb. Khaled Shamaa (AG)	Amb. Reza Najafi (APG)
Co-Chair NY	Prof. Ravindra Fernando, Chairman of the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board, Sri Lanka (APG)		H.E. Alan Berset, Head of the Federal Department of Home Affairs and Swiss Federal Minister of Health and Social Affairs, Switzerland (WEOG)		President H.E. Ollanta Humala, Peru; President H.E. Evo Morales, The Plurinational State of Bolivia; Prime Minister Hon. Perry Christie or H.E. Dr Bernard Nottage, Minister, Commonwealth of the Bahamas (GRULAC)