

6 May 2016

Excellency,

In accordance with paragraph 4 of the General Assembly resolution 70/261 on the Modalities for the Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) to be held in Antalya, 27-29 May 2016, the Midterm Review shall elect a President and an *ex officio* Vice-President from the host country and nine Vice-Presidents from among the representatives of participating States.

I am therefore seeking the nomination for a total of nine vice-presidents through the chairs of the regional groups, at ministerial level. Pursuant to the footnote of paragraph 4 of resolution 70/261, the composition of the nine vice-presidents will be as follows: two from each of the following regional groups: African States, Asia-Pacific States, Eastern European States and Latin American and Caribbean States; and one from Western European and other States.

I would be grateful if the nomination for the nine vice-presidents is submitted no later than 17 May 2016.

I would also like to thank you for your cooperation on this important preparation towards the Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review of the Implementation of the IPoA. Your support in providing timely nominations will be highly appreciated.

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

Mogens Lykketoft

To the Chairs of the regional group for the month of May 2016 New York

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All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations New York