



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

29 June 2016

Excellency,

I wish to inform you that the General Assembly meeting regarding the election of non-permanent members of the Security Council will reconvene tomorrow, Thursday 30 June 2016, as the first item of the plenary meeting to be held at 3:00 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

In this connection I attach a letter from the Permanent Representatives of Italy and the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations, which will be issued as an official General Assembly document.

An announcement will also be made in the UN Journal.

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

A handwritten signature in blue 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



**Permanent Mission of Italy  
to the United Nations**



Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands  
To the United Nations

**Letter dated 29 June 2016 from the Permanent Representative  
of Italy to the United Nations and the Permanent  
Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the  
United Nations addressed to the President of the General  
Assembly**

Your excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that this letter serves as a confirmation of the intention expressed by our respective Ministers of Foreign Affairs during the elections for five non-permanent members of the Security Council, agenda item 112 (a), held on 28 June 2016. It is the intention of our two countries, in view of the inconclusive results of the elections for the last remaining non-permanent seat on the Security Council for the Western European and Others Group for the term 2017-2018, to split this term. To this effect the Kingdom of the Netherlands hereby withdraws its candidacy in favour of Italy. Italy is the endorsed and only candidate of the Western European and Others Group. Subject to election at a forthcoming plenary meeting of the General Assembly, Italy shall serve as a non-permanent member of the Security Council effective 1 January 2017. Italy shall subsequently relinquish its seat on the Security Council effective at the end of the day of 31 December 2017. In accordance with rule 140 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly a by-election will need to be held to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term 2017-2018. The Western European and Others Group will request this by-election to be held at the same time as the regular election for five non-permanent members of the Security Council in June 2017. For this by-election the Kingdom of the Netherlands is the endorsed and only candidate of the Western European and Others Group. Subject to election by the General Assembly, the Kingdom of the Netherlands shall fulfil the remainder of the 2017-2018 term of a non-permanent membership of the Security Council effective 1 January 2018. We should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated to Member States as a document of the seventieth session of the General Assembly under agenda item 112 (a).

H.E. Mr. Sebastiano Cardi

Permanent Representative  
of Italy to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Karel J.G. van Oosterom

Permanent Representative  
of the Kingdom of the  
Netherlands to the United Nations