



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

29 June 2016

Excellency,

With reference to my letter regarding the election of non-permanent members of the Security Council and circulation of a letter from the Permanent Representatives of Italy and the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations, I have the pleasure to circulate a letter from the Chair of Western European Group for the month of June, which will be issued as an official General Assembly document.

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

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Mogens Lykketoft

To all Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York



PERMANENT MISSION OF NORWAY
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

H. E. Mr. Mogens Lykketoft
President of the General Assembly
of the United Nations

Your ref.:

Our ref.:

Date:

29 June 2016

Letter on behalf of the Western European and Other States Group (WEOG)

Excellency,

In my capacity as Chair of the Western European and Other States Group (WEOG) for the month of June 2016, I have the honour to inform you that Italy and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, 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 Other States Group for the term 2017-2018, have agreed to split this term.

To this effect, the Kingdom of the Netherlands has withdrawn its candidacy in favour of Italy. Italy is the endorsed and only candidate of the Western European and Other States 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 Other States 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.

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For this by-election, the Kingdom of the Netherlands is the endorsed and only candidate of the Western European and Other States 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. I 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).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'May-Elin Stener', written in a cursive style.

May-Elin Stener
Chargé d'Affaires
Deputy Permanent Representative