



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

19 July 2016

Excellency,

I wish to refer to General Assembly Resolution 70/155 of 17 December 2015 entitled “The right to development” in which the Assembly decided to convene a one day high level segment of the General Assembly, in the margin of the general debate of the Assembly at its seventy-first session, in order to commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Right to Development.

In my letter dated 17 May 2016, I informed that the one-day high-level segment will take place on Thursday, 22 September 2016 at the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Member States are invited to participate at this segment at the highest level possible. It will consist of a high-level opening segment to be chaired by the President of the 71<sup>st</sup> session of the General Assembly, with the participation of high-level keynote speakers. The programme of this segment will be communicated in due time to Member States.

The opening segment will be followed by a general debate to be focused on appropriate measures and required policies to promote an effective international cooperation for the realization of the right to development as an integral part of all human rights and fundamental freedoms as well as a requirement to achieve all sustainable development goals.

Being fully aware of the interest that this High Level Segment will generate amongst Member States, and mindful of the time constraints as well as the need to ensure broad and equitable participation at the general debate, I would like to propose the following organizational measures:

- In accordance with General Assembly Resolution 70/155, the agreed time for this one-day high-level segment of the General Assembly will be 3 (three) hours in the morning, and 3 (three) hours in the afternoon. Proportional distribution among regional groups is the best available principle to satisfy equitable participation at the plenary meeting.
- The time allocated to each speaker would have to be reasonable (3 three minutes per speaker) and strictly enforced in cases when it would be exceeded, in order to accommodate as many speakers as possible within the agreed time frame.
- By strictly following the time allocated to this Segment and the time limits per speaker, while taking into account the time to be allocated to the opening segment of the meeting, up to 65 speakers can be accommodated. Accordingly, the number of speakers allocated to each regional

group will be as follows: Africa 18, Asia-Pacific 18, Eastern Europe 8, Latin America and the Caribbean 11, and Western Europe and Others 10.

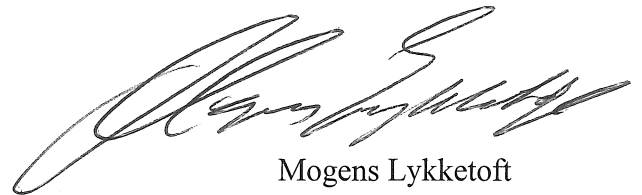
- Regional Groups are invited to submit their respective lists of speakers to the Office of the President of the General Assembly no later than August 25, 2016, according to the number allocated to them.

- Based on the above, the General Assembly Secretariat will organize the final list of speakers in accordance with customary Protocol.

A summary by the President of the General Assembly will be circulated to all Member States and other relevant stakeholders.

Further information on the preparation of the high-level segment of the General Assembly will follow at the earliest possibility, including in the Journal.

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



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To the Chairs of Regional Groups  
for the month of July  
New York

CC: All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
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