



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

28 February 2017

Excellency,

Following the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (AHWG), held on 20 February 2017, I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from the Co-Chairs, H.E. Mr. Vladimir Drobnyak, Permanent Representative of Croatia and H.E. Mrs. Lana Zaki Nusseibeh, Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates, concerning the briefings to be held during three of the upcoming four thematic meetings of the AHWG.

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

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Peter Thomson

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



THE PERMANENT MISSION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS



PERMANENT MISSION OF
THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
TO THE UNITED NATIONS
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Excellency,

In our capacity as Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (AHWG), we wish to express our appreciation to all delegations for their active participation at the General Debate of the AHWG held on 20 February.

We would like to use this opportunity to inform Member States about the briefings to be held during the upcoming thematic meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

At the first thematic meeting on the role and authority of the General Assembly, to be held on 15 March 2017, the Working Group will hear a briefing on the follow-up actions taken by the Secretariat pursuant to operative paragraph 10 of resolution 70/305 on the interaction between permanent missions and the Secretariat. In addition, and as in previous years, a briefing will also be provided by the Under-Secretary-General of the Department for Public Information on the efforts undertaken to enhance the visibility of the GA.

During our second thematic meeting on working methods, scheduled for 28 March, the AHWG will be briefed by the Chairs of the Main Committees on any best practices and lessons learned with a view to improving the Main Committees' working methods. In accordance with operative paragraph 33 of resolution 70/305, the AHWG will also hear a presentation on innovative proposals on the possible changes to the format, production and editing of the UN Journal.

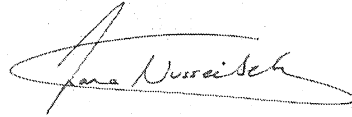
At the fourth thematic meeting on strengthening the accountability, transparency and institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, to be held on 20 April, the Working Group will be briefed on the implementation of all mandates accorded to the PGA by resolution 70/305. Additionally, we are planning a briefing on the sources of funding and staffing of the OPGA pursuant to operative paragraph 56 of resolution 70/305.

We look forward to your continued active participation in the meetings of the AHWG. The Co-Chairs remain available for an exchange of views in the months to come.

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



Vladimir Drobnyak
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of Croatia



Lana Zaki Nusseibeh
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of the United Arab Emirates

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