



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

25 April 2017

Excellency,

Ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all, as captured in Sustainable Development Goal 3 cuts across all aspects of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In order to contribute to early momentum in the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 3 and further to General Assembly Resolution 71/159 “*Global health and foreign policy: health employment and economic growth*”, I will convene a briefing for Member States on a series of health issues on Thursday, 4 May 2017, from 11.00 am – 1.00 pm in the ECOSOC Chamber.

The meeting will address *inter-alia* health systems strengthening, health emergencies, migration, follow up to the Secretary-General’s Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth, Antimicrobial Resistances (AMR), preparations for the 2018 High Level Meeting on Fight Against Tuberculosis and for a comprehensive review of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in 2018, and preparations for the 2017 High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF).

The briefing will take place following meetings that week of the Global Health Crises Task Force and Inter-agency Coordination Group on Antimicrobial resistance. Member States will have an opportunity to hear updates from members and experts from these groups as well as from Dr. Hajime Inoue, Senior Advisor and Special Representative on Antimicrobial Resistance of the Director-General of World Health Organization, Dr. Nata Menabde, Executive Director, World Health Organization and Mr. Werner Obermeyer, Deputy Executive Director, World Health Organization.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson'.

Peter Thomson

To all Permanent Representatives
And Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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