

THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3 February 2017

Excellency,

For your information, I have the honour to transmit a memo from my recent meeting with the President of the Security Council for the month of February 2017, H.E. Mr. Volodymyr Yelchenko, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations.

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 <u>PGA Office Memo: Meeting between the President of the General Assembly and the</u> <u>President of the Security Council for the month of February 2017, the Permanent</u> <u>Representative of Ukraine, on 31 January 2017.</u>

The President of the General Assembly met on 31 January 2017 with the President of the Security Council for the month of February 2017, H.E. Mr. Volodymyr Yelchenko, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations.

The Permanent Representative of Ukraine briefed the President of the General Assembly on the Security Council's provisional Programme of Work for February 2017. He underscored that the focus of the month would be the two open debates, one on threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts: protection of critical infrastructure, on 13 February 2017, which will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Pavlo Klimkin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, and the second on maintenance of international peace and security: conflicts in Europe, on 21 February 2017, which will be held at Ministerial level. A draft resolution related to the first Open Debate is currently being negotiated.

The Permanent Representative of Ukraine also informed that on 22 February, the Security Council will hear a briefing from OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, H.E. Sebatian Kurz, Federal Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of Austria. In addition, the Security Council will continue work on issues such as counter terrorism, Iraq, Libya, Côte d'Ivoire, Sudan, CAR, Middle East including Syria, Guinea Bissau, DPRK sanction, and Kosovo.

The Permanent Representative of Ukraine also briefed the President of the General Assembly on the dangerous deterioration of the situation in the eastern Ukraine.

The President of the General Assembly thanked the Permanent Representative of Ukraine for his briefing on the provisional Programme of Work of the Security Council. He informed the Permanent Representative of Ukraine on the recent GA High Level Dialogue on "Building Sustainable Peace for All: Synergies between the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sustaining Peace", held on 24 January 2017. He further informed the Permanent Representative of Ukraine on the ongoing preparation for the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14 in June 2017, and his upcoming trips in February to Silicon Valley on mainstreaming SDGs in social media and gaming society, to Asia on oceans-related issues and to Europe on human rights issues.

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