



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

14 November 2016

Excellency,

For your information, I have the honour to transmit herewith a memo from my recent meeting with the Vice President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations, for the month of October. The Permanent Representative of Chile represented the President of ECOSOC, the Permanent Representative of Zimbabwe to the United Nations, who was away on travel.

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 Representative
and Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

PGA Office memo: Meeting between the President of the General Assembly and the Vice President of ECOSOC, the Permanent Representative of Chile, on 31 October 2016

The President of the General Assembly met on 31 October 2016 with the Vice President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations. The Permanent Representative of Chile represented the President of ECOSOC, the Permanent Representative of Zimbabwe to the United Nations, who was away on travel.

The Permanent Representative of Chile briefed the President of the General Assembly on ECOSOC's calendar for the 2017 session. The Permanent Representative of Chile extended an invitation on behalf of the President of ECOSOC, the Permanent Representative of Zimbabwe, to the President of the General Assembly to attend the retreat of ECOSOC on 20-21 January 2017 as well as the ECOSOC Youth Forum on 30-31 January 2017. The President of the General Assembly mentioned the upcoming Oceans conference, which would be held in New York on 5-9 June 2017. The strong linkages between sustaining peace and sustainable development were also mentioned, and the President of the General Assembly informed the Permanent Representative of Chile that he was planning to host an informal meeting on 24 January 2017 on this subject.

The continuation of work on the alignment of the agendas of the General Assembly and ECOSOC with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was also mentioned. It was agreed that this was a comprehensive process and the Permanent Representative of Chile confirmed ECOSOC's support. The President of the General Assembly mentioned that he would be appointing co-facilitators to lead the process.

The Permanent Representative of Chile informed the President of the General Assembly that so far 31 Member States had expressed interest in presenting voluntary national reviews at the high-level political forum in July 2017.

The Vice-President informed the President of the General Assembly that the themes of ECOSOC for 2017, 2018 and 2019 were under consideration and it was expected that agreement would be reached by the end of November 2016.

The President of the General Assembly thanked the Permanent Representative of Chile for the briefing.