



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 April 2017

Excellencies,

I have the honour to write to you regarding two briefings for Member States that I will convene on Thursday 13 April 2017 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. At 10.00 a.m., I will organize a *briefing on the efforts of my Presidency to generate momentum on the implementation of the SDGs*.

After passing the half-way point of the 71st session of the General Assembly, this briefing will serve as an opportunity to reflect on my office's activities on the SDGs and on the status of the global response to the SDGs some one and a half years since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. I will be joined by my Special Adviser on SDGs, Ms. Dessima Williams, and my Special Envoy for SDG implementation and Climate Change, H.E. Mr. Macharia Kamau, Permanent Representative of Kenya to the UN.

Immediately following the SDG briefing, at approximately 11.30 a.m., I will organize a *Situational briefing on the Secretary-General's Call to Action on famine response and prevention*.

During my official visit to Senegal, Ethiopia and Egypt and the African Union from 25 March to 2 April 2017, African leaders expressed grave concern about the humanitarian situation affecting some African countries. Amidst the worst global humanitarian crisis since the second World War, more than 20 million people in North-East Nigeria, South Sudan, Somalia and Yemen are facing famine or a credible risk of famine over the coming six months.

Mr. Stephen O'Brien, Under-Secretary-General and Emergency Relief Coordinator, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, and Mr. Anthony Lake, Executive Director of UNICEF will brief Member States on latest developments and actions.

I encourage your active participation in these briefings.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson', written in a cursive style.

Peter Thomson

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