



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

21 December 2016

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 21 December 2016 from the United Nations Secretary-General His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon, regarding his decision to recommend the establishment of a Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration.

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

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

Peter Thomson

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



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

21 December 2016

Dear Mr. President,

Further to General Assembly resolution A/71/1 adopted on 19 December 2016, I have decided to recommend the establishment of a Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration.

The Special Representative will provide appropriate support by coordinating the contributions of all United Nations entities with significant mandates and expertise, especially the International Organization for Migration and the United Nations Secretariat. Given that Mr. Peter Sutherland, the Special Representative for International Migration and Development, is not presently in a position to coordinate the inputs of the Global Migration Group and the Global Forum on Migration and Development, the newly appointed Special Representative will take on this responsibility until further notice.

Finally, as Member States have yet to decide on the modalities for the intergovernmental conference to be held in 2018, I will recommend to my successor, Mr. António Guterres, that the Special Representative also serve as the Secretary-General of the conference, should Member States request that there be a Secretary-General of the conference.

I would be grateful if this letter could be shared with the members of the General Assembly for their consideration.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ban Ki-moon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Peter Thomson
President of the General Assembly
New York