



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2 August 2016

Excellency,

Pursuant to my earlier letters on the same subject, the latest dated 7 July 2016, and as part of my intention to carry out my mandate in a transparent and open manner, I have the honour to transmit herewith a memo from my recent meeting with the President of the Security Council for the month of August 2016, H.E. Mr. Ramlan Bin Ibrahim, Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mogens Lykketoft', written in a cursive style.

Mogens Lykketoft

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

PGA Office Memo: Meeting between the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council for the month of August 2016, the Permanent Representative of Malaysia, on 29 July 2016.

The President of the General Assembly met on 29 July 2016 with the President of the Security Council for the month of August 2016, H.E. Mr. Ramlan Bin Ibrahim, Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations.

The Permanent Representative of Malaysia briefed the President of the General Assembly on the Security Council's provisional Programme of Work for August, drawing the attention to 3 major tracks focused around the situation in the Middle East, developments in Africa as well as two open debates on Children and Armed Conflict as well as non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, respectively. A Council visit abroad during August was also under consideration. Concerning the selection and appointment process of the next Secretary-General of the United Nations, Ambassador Ibrahim recalled that the next informal straw poll among the members of the Security Council was scheduled for Friday 5 August. Once the informal straw poll had taken place, the President of the Security Council would inform the President of the General Assembly hereof along the lines agreed in the Council.

The President of the General Assembly thanked Ambassador Ibrahim for his briefing and – referring to the selection and appointment process of the next Secretary-General of the United Nations – recalled the close coordination with each monthly presidency of the Security Council that had been carried out throughout the process. In line with the now well-established standard of openness and transparency in the form of General Assembly informal dialogues with candidates and other steps, the President reiterated that he, and through him the membership of the General Assembly, continued to look forward to being kept fully abreast of the process of consideration in the Security Council in a manner that respected the role of the General Assembly. Given that the outcome of the first informal straw poll in the Security Council on 21 July 2016 had been leaked within a few hours, the President repeated his view that limiting the communication to the fact that the informal straw poll had taken place without any further detail added little value and did not live up to the expectations of the membership and the new standard of openness and transparency of the process.

The President further stressed that all additional candidates should follow the same process and participate in General Assembly informal dialogues. Both reconfirmed that any presentation of new candidates will be expeditiously circulated to Member States. Finally, both agreed that it was important to continue the process on an on-going basis, including timely exchange of information between the two bodies related to new developments.