



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

16 February, 2016

Excellency,

Please find enclosed, for your kind attention, a letter dated 15 February, 2016 from the co-Chairs of the Ad hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Vladimir Drobnyak, Permanent Representative of Croatia, and H.E. Mr. Wilfried I. Emvula, Permanent Representative of Namibia, informing that they will convene an informal meeting on the subject of the selection and appointment of the Secretary-General on 29 February, 2016 at 10 a.m in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. This informal brainstorming session will focus specifically on the issues of the possibility of modifying the term of office of the Secretary-General and of recommending more than one candidate for the consideration of the General Assembly.

I take this opportunity to encourage the active support, participation and contribution of Member States in this important process.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance 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



THE PERMANENT MISSION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS



THE PERMANENT MISSION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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Excellency,

We are addressing you in our capacity as co-chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the revitalization of the General Assembly. While the AHWG will hold the third thematic debate on the subject of Selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and other executive heads of the United Nations system on 22 March, the co-chairs have detected increased interest among Member States for an additional informal meeting on the matter, prior to the thematic debate.

This informal meeting is being convened mindful of the fact that the General Assembly, in paragraph 44 of its resolution 69/321, affirms its readiness to continue discussing all the issues relating to the selection and appointment of the Secretary-General in all their aspects within the Ad-hoc Working Group on Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly in its 70th session, including those contained in the Report of the AHWG (document A/69/1007).

In this regard, we would like to extend an invitation to interested delegations to participate at an informal meeting convened by the Permanent Representatives of Croatia and Namibia in their capacity as co-chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group, to be held on 29 February 2016, 10 a.m., in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The co-chairs invite delegations to use this informal brainstorming session to focus on the issues contained in paragraphs 46 and 51 of the Report of the AHWG, inter alia the possibility of modifying the term of office to a single, non-renewable term, and of recommending more than one candidate for consideration by the Assembly, which will serve as a useful preparation for the meeting on 22 March.

We are looking forward to a fruitful exchange of views on these matters.

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

Vladimir Drobňak
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of Croatia

Vasco Mushe Samupofu
Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of Namibia

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