

Excellency,

I have the honor to inform you that a plenary meeting of the General Assembly will be convened on 11 January 2016, from 10:00-11:00 a.m., to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the first meeting of the General Assembly.

The first meeting of the General Assembly was held in London on 10 January 1946, with 51 nations represented. On Monday 11 January 2016 the General Assembly will mark the 70th anniversary of this meeting, which presents an opportunity to take stock of the historic breadth of the General Assembly's achievements in development, security and human rights.

To commemorate this anniversary, regional groups will be invited to deliver statements and then at 11:00 a.m., all Permanent Representatives are invited to accompany the Secretary-General for birthday cake, a toast and photo opportunity in the Northern Delegates Lounge immediately after the meeting and to sing the Happy Birthday song in all six official UN languages.

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

Mogens Lykketoft

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