



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

I am pleased to inform you that, in accordance with established practice in recent years, I will convene an informal briefing for Member States on preparations for the G20 Summit, on Monday 6 February 2017 at 1:15-2:30 pm, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

I will be joined at the briefing by the German Sherpa to the G20, Prof. Lars-Hendrik Roeller, Chief Economic Advisor to the Chancellor G7 and G20 Sherpa, who will provide information to Member States about ongoing preparations for the G20 Summit to be held in Hamburg, from 7-8 July 2017.

Maintaining close coordination with groupings such as the G20 is one of the priorities of the General Assembly, as expressed in resolution 67/289. I am committed to continuing and strengthening this interaction during my presidency. Additional background information is provided in the Annex below.

I look forward to your participation in the aforementioned briefing and in the interactive discussion which I hope it will generate.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson'.

Peter Thomson

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

Annex G20 – Background Information

Created almost ten years ago at Leaders' level to deal with the effects of the global economic and financial crisis of 2008, the G20 has been a powerful force for macroeconomic and financial stability since then, and has become an important forum for cooperation among the world's major industrialized and emerging market economies.

Over the years since its creation, an increasing number of global issues have been added to the agenda of the G20, including climate change, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, geopolitical conflicts, terrorism, migration and refugee flows, among others.

In addition to providing details on preparations for the Hamburg Summit, the briefing will elaborate on the priorities established by Germany for its presidency of the G20 in 2017, which include a special focus on the work being carried out by the G20 in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, on climate and energy policies, and on intensifying the partnership with Africa.

During its presidency of the G20, Germany will focus on ensuring the continuity of the Group's work, as well as on three main priority areas: building resilience, improving sustainability, and assuming responsibility. These areas encompass actions aimed at strengthening economic resilience and the international financial architecture, improving international cooperation on taxation, and developing financial markets. They also involve addressing climate change and implementing the Paris climate agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, empowering women and girls, leveraging digital technologies for sustainable development, addressing displacement and migration, as well as combating terrorism financing, and intensifying the partnership with Africa. Furthermore, a number of ministerial level meetings will be held in areas such as agriculture, finance, labour and health, among others, as part of the preparatory process for the Summit.

More information on the priorities of the German G20 presidency can be found at: [https://www.g20.org/Content/DE/Anlagen/G7_G20/2016-g20-
praesidentschaftspapier-en.pdf? blob=publicationFile&v=2](https://www.g20.org/Content/DE/Anlagen/G7_G20/2016-g20-praesidentschaftspapier-en.pdf?blob=publicationFile&v=2)