

THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

15 December 2016

Excellency,

For your information, I have the honour to transmit a memo from my recent meeting with the President of the Security Council for the month of December 2016, His Excellency Mr. Román Oyarzun Marchesi, Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations.

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

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Peter Thomson

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

## Meeting between the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council for the month of December 2016 His Excellency Mr. Román Oyarzun Marchesi, Permanent Representative of Spain

## <u>6 December 2016</u>

The President of the General Assembly met on 6 December 2016 with the President of the Security Council for the month of December 2016, His Excellency Mr. Román Oyarzun Marchesi, Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations.

The Permanent Representative of Spain briefed the President of the General Assembly on the Security Council's provisional Programme of Work for December. The Permanent Representative of Spain emphasized that this will be a busy month with two open debates, one on "Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction: a global agenda for stopping proliferation of WMD by non-state actor", on 15 December 2016, which will be chaired by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, His Excellency Mr. Alfonso Dastis, and the second on "Maintenance of International Peace and Security: Trafficking of persons in conflict situation, on 20 December 2016, which will be chaired by Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy. The Permanent Representative of Spain also highlighted a briefing on "Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts: International Judicial Cooperation in the fight against terrorism" on 12 December, which will be chaired by Minister for Justice, His Excellency Mr. Rafael Catalá. In addition, the Security Council will continue to work on issues such as the Middle East, Syria, MONUSCO, Libya, Sudan ICC, UNDOF, UNAMA, as well as any other that will require the Council's attention.

The President of the General Assembly thanked the Permanent Representative of Spain for his briefing on the provisional Programme of Work of the Security Council. The President of the General Assembly informed the Permanent Representative of Spain that he will convene a High-level Dialogue on "Building Sustainable Peace for All: Synergies between the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sustaining Peace", on 24 January 2017. The President of the General Assembly hoped that Spain will participate actively in that informal dialogue.

The President of the General Assembly and the Permanent Representative of Spain also exchanged views on humanitarian issues, such as the humanitarian situation in Syria, currently on the agenda of the United Nations.

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