

THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 January 2017

Excellency,

I wish to refer to the General Assembly Resolution A/RES/70/179 entitled "*Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons*" of 17 December 2015, by which the General Assembly recalls its decision to appraise, from within existing resources, on a four-year basis, starting at its seventy-second session, the progress achieved in the implementation of the Global Plan of Action in order to assess achievements, gaps and challenges, including in the implementation of the relevant legal instruments, and therefore decides to convene, within existing resources, a high-level meeting of the General Assembly at its seventy-second session, in October 2017, immediately after the general debate.

I am pleased to inform you that I have appointed Her Excellency Mrs. Catherine Boura, Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations and Her Excellency Ms. Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations, as co-facilitators to consult with Member States on the preparations for the high-level meeting.

I would like to thank Ambassador Boura and Ambassador Al-Thani for accepting this very important responsibility and I trust that you will extend your full support and cooperation to them.

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

Peter Thomson

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