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The United Nations General Assembly has elected Ambassador Peter Thomson of Fiji to serve as President of its seventy-first session, which runs from September 2016 to September 2017. Ambassador Thomson previously took office in New York as Fiji's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in February 2010 and served concurrently as Fiji's Ambassador to Cuba, until Thomson assumed his duties as President of the UN General Assembly's seventy-first session.

He was born in Suva, Fiji in 1948 and was educated at Suva Grammar School and Natabua High School in Fiji. In 1966-1967, he attended the International Centre at Sevenoaks School in the United Kingdom. A graduate in political studies from Auckland University, New Zealand and development studies from Cambridge University, United Kingdom, Ambassador Thomson has had a lifelong involvement in the field of development.

