

THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

23 October 2020

Subject: Observance Ceremony in commemoration of the United Nation Day and the resumed 3rd plenary meeting of the General Assembly during the seventy-fifth session

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the observance ceremony in commemoration of the United Nations Day, will take place on Monday, 26 October 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., to be followed by the High-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations from 10:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in the General Assembly Hall, UN Headquarters.

The Secretary-
Headquarters states that in the event that a meeting is to
experts will be asked to complete a risk assessment of such requests and prepare mitigation

(OSH) team concluded that the proposed meeting is at low risk if the following
precautionary measures aimed at mitigating the spread of COVID-19, similar to those for
the Main Committee meetings, are put in place:

Access to the meeting will be restricted to delegates (one delegate per Member State

By swiping their United Nations issued ID card on entry, all delegates and support staff will declare as a condition of their entry that they: a) have not been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days; b) have not had symptoms consistent with COVID-19 in the last 14 days; c) have not had close contact with someone with COVID-19 or symptoms consistent with COVID-19 in the last 14 days, and d) have completed quarantine if in the last 14 days they have arrived from a country or US state that is considered elevated risk;

The seating plan has been slightly amended to ensure physical distancing and delegates shall remain in their seats at all times;

All statements will be made by delegations from their national seats and delegates will be required to wear face coverings except for when addressing the meeting;

All delegates will be requested to maintain social distancing of at least 2 meters, to refrain from physical contact, including handshakes and other physical contact, during the meetings in recognition of the physical distancing requirements;

The Secretary will actively manage the exit by calling each row for departure in a staggered manner;

The proceedings of the meeting will be webcast live and on-demand on UN Web TV, allowing representatives of intergovernmental organizations and other entities having received a standing invitation to participate as observers to do so through webcast.

The final program of the Observance Ceremony has been circulated by the letter dated 23 October 2020, together with the final list of speakers for the continuation of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations.

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

Volkan BOZKIR