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Excellency,

The General Assembly and the Security Council are provisionally scheduled to hold elections of five members of the International Court of Justice on Wednesday, 11 November 2020, at 3 p.m. If a second ballot becomes necessary in either organ or both, it will be held on Thursday, 12 November 2020 at 11 a.m.

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the way in which the secret ballots will be held in the two organs would have to be adjusted in order to safeguard public health. The note annexed to this letter outlines the adjusted modalities for the above-mentioned elections.

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

Volkan BÖZKIR

President of the General Assembly

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

## Opening of the meeting

- 10. At 3 p.m., on Wednesday, 11 November 2020, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council will simultaneously open the respective meetings of the General Assembly and the Security Council.
- 11. Each President will outline the election procedure and announce any withdrawal of candidates, if applicable, before commencing the casting of ballots.

## **Tellers**

12. General Assembly: Prior to the

announce the suspension of the meeting simultaneously. The delegates in the Security Council will be requested