

THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 December 2020

Excellency,

I have the honor to inform you that plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the seventy-fifth session will be held on 14, 15 and 16 December 2020, in the General Assembly Hall, UN Headquarters.

An Informal meeting of the plenary on the follow-up to the Declaration on the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations will also be held on 15 December, at 10 a.m., in the General Assembly Hall (letter dated 8 December 2020 refers).

In addition, the resumed 2<sup>nd</sup> plenary meeting of the Special Session of the General Assembly in response to the COVID-19 pandemic will be held on 14 December, at 3 p.m., in the General Assembly Hall (letter dated 7 December 2020 refers).

- ◁ It is expected that delegates will start arriving on premises early enough and enter the physical distancing of at least 2 meters while waiting to access the GA Hall; All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations New York;
- ◁ 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 programme of work of the Assembly and agenda items to be considered at the formal meetings of the plenary will be announced in the United Nations Journal and are continuously updated on the website of the General Assembly.

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



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