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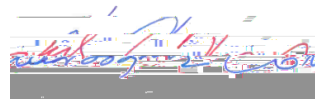
Further to the Secretary- regarding the requirement of
a risk assessment when in-person meetings are to be held at the UN Headquarters, I have the
honour to inform that the advice of the Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) team remain

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 at all times, 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 most meetings 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.

A list of scheduled meetings of the General Assembly for the month of March was circulated by my letter dated 18 February 2021. It will be continuously updated on the website of the General Assembly, as well as announced in the United Nations Journal together with the programme of work of the Assembly and agenda items to be considered at the formal meetings of the plenary.

Permanent Missions are strongly encouraged to report any COVID-19 cases amongst their delegations to the United Nations reporting portal (osh@un.org) as soon as possible to enable immediate action on contact tracing and testing.

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



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