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Excellency,

Further to the Secretary-General's letter dated 7 July 2020 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 remains as previously conveyed. Therefore, the meetings taking place in the General Assembly Hall during the month of February 2021 are considered low risk if the following precautionary measures aimed at mitigating the spread of COVID-19, are put in place:

Access to the meeting will be restricted to delegates (one delegate per Member State and one delegate each from the Holy See, the State of Palestine, the European Union, and other Observers inscribed on the list of speakers or indicating their wish to speak ahead of an informal meeting) and staff members of the United Nations Secretariat; Access to the General Assembly Hall will require a regular delegate's pass and the secondary color-coded access card that has been provided to the Permanent Missions by the UN Protocol and Liaison Service;

It is expected that delegates will start arriving on premises early enough and enter the building through the delegates' entrance;

To assist in contact tracing, all delegates are required to swipe their United Nations issued ID card at the entrance of the General Assembly Hall;

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 risk that TJE 0 1 14F2 12 Tf4(re) 12 elevated risk;

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

