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Excellency,

I have the honour to express my appreciation for your participation at the informal plenary meeting of the Assembly on COVID-19-related business continuity, held today.

Taking into account the comments of Member States at the meeting, and in order to facilitate further reflection on the issues discussed, I will convene further two informal plenary meetings of the Assembly to discuss the ~~pre-7009~~ format and other arrangements of the upcoming high-level meetings, including the High-level Week and General Debate of the seventy-sixth session.

As I advised earlier today, the first meeting, which will be held later this month, will consider a paper to be prepared by the Secretariat outlining safe options for the reopening of the United Nations and the transition to normalcy, including increasing occupancy at upcoming in person meetings during this session. The second meeting, to be held in June, will focus on the outlining options for the high-level week and the general debate of the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly.

**In this regard, the first meeting will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 19 May 2021, in the General Assembly Hall, United Nations headquarters, New York.** Given the importance of the issues to be discussed, I encourage your personal participation at the informal meeting. To allow other members of your delegation