THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

7 July 2021

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o-Chairs of the Group of Friends of Solidarity for Global Health Security, requesting the holding of an informal meeting of the General Assembly to allow the Independent Panel for Preparedness and Response (IPPPR) to brief the membership on their findings and recommendations, as contained in their final report, available at https://theindependentpanel.org/mainreport/#download-main-report.











16 June 2021

H.E. Mr. Volkan Bozkir President of the General Assembly United Nations, CB-0246 New York, NY 10017

Excellency,

On behalf of the Co-Chairs of the Group of Friends of Solidarity for Global Health Security, we have the honour to cordially request you to convene an informal meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations, at your earliest convenience, which would allow the Independent Panel for Preparedness and Response (IPPPR) to have a briefing on their findings and recommendations, as contained in the IPPPR final report.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has exploited a world in disarray with catastrophic health, economic, and social consequences, the current discussions on global health security is developing rapidly with the wide scope of its agenda: sustainable and predictable financing, strong surveillance systems and laboratory capacity, civic and community engagement, investment in vaccine and therapy development, an international framework for health emergency preparedness and response, new international treaties, and enhanced political leadership at the highest level.

In light of such discussions, we hosted the PR-level meeting of the Group of Friends of Solidarity for Global Health Security on 18 May 2021, together with the Independent Panel for Preparedness and Response (IPPPR), the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board (GPMB), and the World Health Organization (WHO). During this meeting, the IPPPR, established in July 2020 EWKH:2LUHFWRUHQHUDOSUHVHQWHGLWVPDLQUHSRUWHQWLMARHGADE; Last Pandemic, KLFKDVODWHUSUHVHQWHGGKLCJWWKH Health Assembly (May 24-June 1, Geneva). The Panel has been analyzing the collected evidence to build upon the lessons learned of the past year, identifying the wider health and socio-economic impacts of the pandemic.

We firmly believe that an informal meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations would serve as a timely opportunity for Member States to review pandemic response and preparedness as well as to discuss the near- and long-term steps for the global community in response to the current global health security challenges, and in preparation for future ones.

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



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