



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13 February 2018

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 29 January 2018, I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from H.E. Mr. Walton Webson, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda, and H.E. Mr. Koro Bessho, Permanent Representative of Japan, co-facilitators of the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations on the modalities and outcomes of the high-level meeting on the fight against tuberculosis.

The letter of the co-facilitators transmits the draft resolution on the scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting which shall form the basis of discussions at the second informal consultations to be held on 16 February 2018.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajčák', written over the printed name.

Miroslav Lajčák

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York



**The Permanent Mission of Antigua
and Barbuda to the United Nations**



**The Permanent Mission of
Japan to the United Nations**

13th February 2018

Excellency,

We are honored to write to you in our capacity as co-facilitators to lead the intergovernmental consultations and negotiation on the modalities and outcomes of the High Level Meeting relating to Tuberculosis (TB) as contained in documents A/RES/71/159 and A/72/645.

In line with the letter of the President of the General Assembly dated 11 January 2018, we are committed to ensuring that the process of consultations on a draft modalities resolution and outcome document to be adopted by the General Assembly is inclusive, transparent and Member States-driven.

In this regard, we are pleased to invite you to the second informal consultations on the proposed elements of the modalities resolution. The consultation will be held on 16 February 2018, from 10am to 1pm in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All Member and Observer States are kindly invited to attend. In preparation for the second informal consultations, please find the attached draft resolution based on the informal consultation held on 9th February 2018, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

H.E. Mr. Walton Alfonso Webson
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Koro Bessho
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of Japan to the United Nations

**Permanent Missions
to the United Nations
NEW YORK**

H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák
President of the 72nd Session of the UN General Assembly

DRAFT resolution

Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting on the fight against tuberculosis

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 71/159, entitled “Global health and foreign policy: health employment and economic growth”, [A/RES/71/159]

Recognizing that through their endorsement of the Sustainable Development Goals, in September 2015, Heads of State and Heads of Government made a bold commitment to ending the tuberculosis epidemic by 2030, **and also recognizing the End TB Strategy endorsed by the Sixty Seventh World Health Assembly in 2014 (based on clarification from EU)**, [Para 2 of A/72/645]

Emphasizing that current global actions and investments fall far short of those needed to end the global tuberculosis epidemic, [Para 2 of A/72/645]

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the options and modalities for the organization of the high-level meeting on tuberculosis convened by the President of the General Assembly, [A/72/645]

***Welcoming* the first WHO Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Tuberculosis in the sustainable development era which was held in Moscow, Russia on 16-17 November 2017, and welcome its outcome declaration to end Tuberculosis,(G77)**

1. Decides that the **one day** high-level meeting on the fight against tuberculosis convened by the President of the General Assembly shall be held in New York on **26thSeptember 2018, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6:00 p.m.**, consisting of an opening segment, a plenary segment for general discussion, two multi-stakeholder panels and a brief closing segment. [Based on Para 4, 6 and 14 of A/72/645](**Seek clarification for estimated cost and PBI on different dates 24th/26th/27th September 2018**)
2. Also decides that the overall theme of the high-level meeting will be “United to end tuberculosis: a global response to a global emergency”; [Para 5 of A/72/645]
3. Further decides that:
 - (a) The opening segment held **from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** will feature statements by the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-third session, the Secretary-General, the Director General of the World Health Organization, the Chair of the Stop TB Partnership, as well as an eminent high-level champion of the fight against tuberculosis and a person affected by tuberculosis both selected by the President of the General Assembly; [Para 7 of A/72/645]

(b) The plenary segment held **from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** will hear statements by Member States and observer States and intergovernmental organizations and entities that have observer status with the General Assembly. A list of speakers will be established in accordance with established practices of the Assembly and the time limits for these statements will be three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States;

4. Also decides that the organizational arrangements for the two multi-stakeholder panels will be as follows:

(a) Two consecutive multi-stakeholder panels will be held in parallel to the plenary, one during the morning session and one during the afternoon session; [Based on Para 3(c) of A/70/297]

(b) The specific themes of the panels may include the following topics:

- **[role of international cooperation in supporting universal health coverage and inclusive tuberculosis response / health system strengthening to support tuberculosis prevention and response / universal access to services to support the tuberculosis response];**
- **[sustainable national and international financing for ending the tuberculosis epidemic / including adequate funding for research and development to identify new diagnostics, drugs and vaccines];**
- **[the growing health security threat of antimicrobial resistance and multidrug-resistant tuberculosis / the growing health security threat of tuberculosis and its resistant forms];**
- **and an accountability framework to drive multisectoral action in order to end tuberculosis, [Para 10 of A/72/645]**
- **[TB links to HIV/aids, vulnerable populations, NCDs, research, and migration]**

(c) Each of the two multi-stakeholder panels will be co-chaired by two representatives, one from a high-tuberculosis-burden country and one from a low-tuberculosis-burden country, to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly from among the Heads of State or Government attending the high-level meeting, in consultation with the regional groups;

(d) The President of the Assembly may invite the heads or senior **representatives of civil society, private sector, academia, indigenous leadership and community organizations to serve as speakers on the panels; [Para 11 of A/72/645]**

(e) In order to promote interactive and substantive discussions, participation in each multi-stakeholder panel will include Member States, observer States and intergovernmental organizations and entities that have observer status with the General Assembly; civil society and community organizations; donors, technical partners, **academia (EU)**, representatives of business sectors, taking into account gender parity, the principle of transparency and the

principle of equitable geographic representation. In accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly, the President of the Assembly will communicate the list of stakeholders; [Para 11 of A/72/645]

(e)alt: Requests the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of other relevant representatives of relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector who may attend the high-level meeting and participate in the interactive panel discussions, taking into account the principles of transparency and of equitable geographical representation, and with due regard to the meaningful participation of women, and to submit the list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis;¹ [Para 10 of A/70/297] (G77)

5. Decides that the closing segment by the President of the General Assembly will comprise of summaries of the multi-stakeholder panels and concluding remarks by the President of the Assembly and a statement by a person affected by tuberculosis.
6. Also decides that the high-level meeting shall approve a concise and action-oriented political declaration, agreed in advance by consensus through intergovernmental negotiations, to be submitted by the President of the General Assembly for adoption by the Assembly, including the following recommended actions: [Para 8 and para 20 of A/72/645 and para 11 of A/70/297]
 - (a) Advancing the response to **end (USA) tuberculosis** through the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and linkages with **relevant health targets (EU)**, including HIV/AIDS, universal health coverage and antimicrobial resistance , **as well as all other relevant SDG targets and a mobilized UN system, including other UN funds, programmes and specialized agencies, international financial institutions, IOM and relevant initiatives of the Secretary General (USA);**
 - (b) **Ensuring sufficient and sustainable (EU) [Moscow Declaration to End TB]]** financing for multisectoral actions against tuberculosis;
 - (c) Intensifying research on new **and more effective (EU) [Moscow Declaration to End TB]]** tools for and innovative approaches to tuberculosis prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care, in order to end tuberculosis epidemic by 2030;
 - (d) **Developing a multisectoral accountability framework under the leadership of the WHO that enables monitoring, reporting, review and actions needed to accelerate progress to end TB, taking into account existing multisectoral and multi-stakeholder frameworks; [Moscow Declaration to End TB]**

7. Requests the President of the General Assembly, **with the support of the World Health Organization**, to organize, **no later than July 2018**, and preside over an interactive civil society hearing, attended by representatives of Member States, observer States and Intergovernmental organizations and entities that have observer status with the General Assembly; non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council; invited civil society organizations; parliamentarians; and the private sector, with the active participation of people affected by tuberculosis, broader communities and **ensuring the participation and voices of women, girls and indigenous leadership (CANZ)** ,as part of the preparatory process for the high-level meeting, and further requests the President to prepare a summary of the hearing, to be issued as a document of the Assembly prior to the high-level meeting. [Para 18 of A/72/645](EU to seek clarification of timing, estimated costs, sources of funding and PBIs)
- 7bis. Decides that one representative of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector, respectively, should be selected during the informal interactive hearing, and may also be included in the list of speakers for the plenary segment of the high-level meeting, in consultation with the President of the General Assembly (CANZ);
- 7ter. Encourages Member States to actively participate in the informal interactive hearing at the ambassadorial level in order to facilitate interaction between Member States and other participants; (CANZ)
8. Encourages all Member States to participate in the meeting at the **highest level possible, preferably at the level of Heads of State and Government;**(USA, EU) [Para 14 of A/72/645]
9. Invites observer States and Intergovernmental organizations and entities that have observer status with the General Assembly and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to participate in the high-level meeting, as appropriate; [Para 15 of A/72/645]
10. Also invites members of civil society, especially those representing communities and vulnerable populations heavily affected by tuberculosis, to make a fundamental contribution to the process in terms of raising awareness of the issues faced by the poorest and most marginalized populations of the world; [Para 16 of A/72/645]
- 10bis. Invites the United Nations system, including programmes, funds, specialized agencies, regional commissions, relevant Envoys of the Secretary-General as well as UNOPS-hosted Stop TB Partnership, World Health Organization-hosted Unitaaid, and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, as appropriate, to participate in the high-level meeting, as appropriate, and urges them to consider initiatives in support of the preparatory process and the meeting, particularly with regard to sharing good practices, challenges and lessons learnt from tuberculosis-related responses;(CANZ)

11. **Requests the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of other relevant representatives of relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector with expertise in tuberculosis who may attend the high-level meeting and participate in the interactive panel discussions, taking into account the principles of transparency and of equitable geographical representation, and with due regard to the meaningful participation of women, and to submit the list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis;² [Para 10 of A/70/297](EU, USA)**
12. *Encourages* Member States to consider including in their national delegation representatives, such as parliamentarians, mayors and governors, of cities and States with a high burden of tuberculosis, representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, community organizations and faith-based organizations, **academia; philanthropic foundations;(EU)** the private sector, and networks representing people affected by tuberculosis ~~and HIV-associated tuberculosis(EU)~~, including women, children and adolescents, migrants and miners. [Para 17 of A/72/645]

² The list of proposed as well as final names will be brought to the attention of the General Assembly. Where a name is objected to, the objecting Member State will, on a voluntary basis, make known to the Office of the President of the General Assembly the general basis of its objections and the Office will share any information received with any Member State upon its request.