



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

I have the honor to recall the meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (AHWG) on 27 April 2018, when I stressed that the issue of proliferation of the General Assembly's activities during the high-level week of the 74th Session needs to be addressed.

This is in line with resolution 71/323 entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly", paragraph 38 of which reiterated the Assembly's invitation to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the Chairs of the Main Committees, in consultation with the General Committee and Member States, to enhance the coordination of the scheduling of the meetings of the Assembly, including high-level meetings and high-level thematic debates, with a view to optimizing their interactivity, effectiveness and distribution throughout the session, and to consider ways to decrease the number of high-level events held during the general debate.

The General Assembly already mandated the following high-level meetings to take place in the beginning of the 74th session:

1. The High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) (resolutions 67/290, 70/1 and 70/299);
2. The High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development (resolution 69/313);
3. The High-level Meeting to review progress made in addressing the priorities of small island developing States through the implementation of the Samoa Pathway (resolution 71/225);
4. The High-level meeting on the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons (resolution 72/251).

In addition, in accordance to resolution 72/139, the General Assembly decided to hold a high-level meeting in 2019 on universal health coverage. By the same resolution, I have been requested, in close collaboration with the Director General of the World Health Organization and

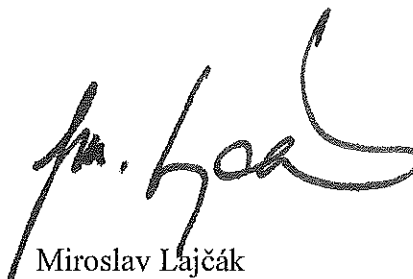
in consultation with Member States, “to propose options and modalities for the conduct of such a meeting, with a view to ensuring the most effective and efficient outcomes [...] before the end of the 72nd session.”

Having consulted with the General Committee at the meeting on 11 May 2018, I decided to appoint H.E. Mrs. Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee, Permanent Representative of Ghana as facilitator to lead the informal consultations with Member States on the General Assembly draft decision on scheduling the dates for high-level meetings at the opening of the 74th session. This includes the High-level Political Forum under the auspices of the Assembly; the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development; and the High-level Meeting to review progress made in addressing the priorities of small island developing States through the implementation of the Samoa Pathway; while bearing in mind the mandates for other high-level meetings, including on universal health coverage.

I have requested Ambassador Pobee to conduct her work in coordination with co-facilitators of other relevant processes, including consultations on the review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the ECOSOC and upcoming process on universal health coverage.

I would like to thank Ambassador Pobee for having accepted this important responsibility and I trust you will extend full support to her throughout the process.

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



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