



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2 July 2018

Excellency,

I have the honor to enclose herewith a letter dated 28 June 2018 from H.E. Mrs. Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee, Permanent Representative of Ghana, in her capacity as Facilitator of the informal consultations with Member States on the General Assembly draft decision on scheduling the dates of high-level meetings in the beginning of the 74th session of the Assembly.

The letter of the Facilitator informs Member States of the fifth round of informal consultations to be held on Tuesday, 3 July 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room 3. A zero draft decision on scheduling of the high-level meetings is also attached.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajčák', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Miroslav Lajčák

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



PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK

28 June, 2018

Excellency,

I have the honour to invite you to the fifth round of consultations on the scheduling of dates for the high-level meetings to be held at the beginning of the 74th Session of the United Nations General Assembly on Tuesday, 3 July 2018 at 10:00 am in Conference Room 3.

I am also pleased to share with you, for your consideration, a zero draft decision on scheduling of the high-level meetings, which has been prepared on the basis of our discussions held so far and my understanding of the convergence of views on the scheduling of the high-level meetings.

I would like the zero draft to serve as the basis for the next round of informal consultations and look forward to receiving your guidance on its contents and to hearing any additional thoughts and comments Member States may have.

I count on your continued cooperation and constructive engagement in this process and hope that we can make further progress in the scheduling of the high-level events at the beginning of the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

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

Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee (Mrs.)
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of Ghana to the United Nations

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New York

DRAFT DECISION

High-level meetings of the General Assembly in September 2019

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 67/290 of 9 July 2013, 69/313 of 27 July 2015, 70/1 of 25 September 2015, 70/299 of 29 July 2016, 71/225 of 21 December 2016, 72/139 of 12 December 2017 and 72/251 of 24 December 2017,

Recalling also its resolution 57/301 of 13 March 2003, in particular paragraph 2 thereof, and 71/323 of 8 September 2017,

1. *Decides* that the general debate of the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly will be held from Tuesday, 24 September to Saturday, 28 September, and on Monday, 30 September 2019.

2. *Also decides* to hold the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development on Monday, 23 September, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and to hold the High-level Political Forum under the auspices of the General Assembly on Tuesday, 24 September, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, 25 September, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.;¹

[3. *Further decides* to hold the high-level meeting on universal health coverage on Wednesday, 25 September, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in accordance with resolution 72/139 of 12 December 2017];² and to hold the high-level meeting to commemorate and promote the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons on Thursday, 26 September, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in accordance with resolution 72/251];

[3alt *Further decides* to hold the high-level meeting on universal health coverage on Thursday, 26 September, from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in accordance with resolution 72/139 of 12 December 2017, and also to hold on the same day, the high-level meeting to commemorate and promote the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in accordance with resolution 72/251];³

[4. *Also decides* to hold the High-level meeting to review progress made in addressing the priorities of Small Island Developing States through the implementation of the Samoa Pathway on Friday, 27 September, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in accordance with resolution 71/225];

[4alt. *Also decides* to hold the High-level meeting to review progress made in addressing the priorities of Small Island Developing States through the implementation of the Samoa Pathway on Friday, 27 September, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., pursuant to resolution 71/225; and also to hold on the same day the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development on Monday, 23rd September, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.].⁴

5. Also decides that each high-level meeting will not have any parallel meetings in itself.

¹] This is on the presumption that the SG will agree to start his Summit that day at 9:00 a.m., to enable him and PGA to attend both the Summit and the opening of FFD.

²] The idea is to move the meeting on UHC from Monday 23 to either Wednesday, 25 or Thursday, 26. Hence, para 3 and para 3alt.

³] The thinking is that it will be preferable to have 2 parallel informal meetings than parallel formal meetings.

⁴] The 2nd option for FFD is to hold it on Friday, 27 September, parallel with Samoa Pathway. Again, starting times for both events have been staggered in case both the SG and PGA wish to attend the opening for both.