



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

21 September 2018

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the plenary segment of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the fight against tuberculosis, pursuant to resolution A/RES/72/268 and decision 72/565 B, and the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, pursuant to resolution A/RES/72/274.

As you are aware, Member States decided to allocate 4.5 hours for the plenary segment of each high-level meeting. As of today, the provisional list of speakers includes 122 delegations for the high-level meeting on the fight against tuberculosis and 138 delegations for the high-level meeting on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases.

I would also like to recall the letter of the President of the 72nd session of the General Assembly, dated 6 September 2018, addressed to regional groups to make a renewed effort to stay within the suggested allocation of speaking slots.

In this respect, I seek the cooperation of Member States to strictly observe the time limit of three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States, as decided in the modalities resolutions. Should the above-mentioned time limits be strictly observed, more delegations would be able to deliver their statement in the plenary segment of each high-level meeting.

Delegations who are not able to deliver their statement in the plenary segment may submit their written statements to the Secretariat (papersmart@un.org) to be posted on the official website of the high-level meetings.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MESPINOSA'.

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