



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

11 December 2018

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to my letter dated 23 November 2018 regarding the General Assembly High-level plenary meeting on the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, with a view to giving impetus to its promotion in all regions, to be held in accordance with General Assembly resolution 72/247.

In particular, I would like to inform that following additional consultations with Member States, the High-level meeting will be held as a formal plenary meeting of the General Assembly on Tuesday, 18 December 2018, at 3 p.m., in the General Assembly Hall.

In accordance to General Assembly resolution 72/247 and, without setting a precedent, I intend to invite the following speakers to address the Assembly at the opening of the plenary meeting:

H.E. Ms. Michelle Bachelet

*United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;*

Mr. Michel Forst

*United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders;*

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

H.E. Ms. Ine Eriksen Søreide  
*Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway;*

Ms. Hina Jilani  
*Advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan, Member of The Elders;*

Ms. Alice Mogwe  
*Director of Ditshwanelo — The Botswana Center for Human Rights;*

Ms. Beate Rudolf  
*Special Envoy for the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI).*

At the plenary meeting, statements will be delivered by Member States and Observers of the General Assembly. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers of plenary meetings of the General Assembly will be able to do so through the e-delegate portal available at <http://delegate.un.int>. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of the established practices of the General Assembly and be made available prior to the meeting.

To allow maximum participation, Member States are encouraged to limit their statements in the plenary meeting to three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States.

PaperSmart Services will be available. Delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to [papersmart@un.org](mailto:papersmart@un.org). The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

In the absence of any objection to the above proposal on arrangements of the High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly before 10 a.m. EST on Thursday, 13 December 2018, I shall consider it agreed and proceed with organizing the High-level plenary meeting on 18 December 2018, accordingly.

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



María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés