



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

11 January 2019

Excellency,

I would like to refer to paragraph 73 of General Assembly resolution 71/323, of 8 September 2017, entitled “Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly”, by which the Assembly decided to conduct informal interactive dialogues with candidates for the position of President of the General Assembly.

The Assembly also called upon candidates to present to the Assembly their vision statements and invited Member States to consider presenting women as candidates for the position of President of the General Assembly.

Furthermore, by resolution 33/138 of 19 December 1978, the General Assembly decided that, in the election of the President of the General Assembly, there shall be regard for equitable regional rotation of this office. Consequently, the President of the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly is to be elected from the African Group.

In accordance with Rule 30 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, the Assembly shall elect a President and twenty-one Vice-Presidents at least three months before the opening of the session over which they are to preside. The election of the President of the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly shall take place in early June 2019.

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

Pursuant to the above mandates, and to allow for adequate time between the informal interactive dialogue and the election, I have the honour to inform you that I intend to convene informal interactive dialogues mandated in the aforementioned resolution 71/323 in early May 2019. With a view to facilitate the interaction, candidates will be invited to provide a concise vision statement in a timely manner, allowing it to be circulated through my office to Member States in advance of the dialogue.

Further information regarding the modalities and the dates will be distributed in due course.

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

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

Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garcés