



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

4 April 2019

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 12 February 2019, I would like to recall that the election of Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly and the election of Chairs of the Main Committees at the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly will take place on 4 June 2019.

Achieving gender parity at all levels of decision-making within the United Nations system is key to achieve our common goals. Thanks to the efforts of the Secretary-General, gender parity has been achieved in the Senior Management Group and among Resident Coordinators of the United Nations.

As only the fourth woman to assume the Presidency of the General Assembly, I am committed to promote gender equality in the work of the General Assembly. In paragraph 50 of its resolution A/RES/72/313, the Assembly encouraged Member States to seek gender balance in the distribution of the Chairs and bureau members of the Main Committees as well as the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly, where applicable. During the seventy-third session, only one out of the 16 elected Vice-Presidents and one out of the six Main Committee Chairs is a woman.

In this respect, I wish to encourage Member States to nominate female candidates for the position of Vice-Presidents as well as Chairs and bureau members of the Main Committees at the seventy-fourth session, as applicable, with a view to ensure gender balance in the work of the General Assembly.

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


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