



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

29 April 2019

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to forward herewith a letter dated 29 April 2019 from H.E. Mr. Burhan Gafoor, Permanent Representative of Singapore and H.E. Mrs. Bergdís Ellertsdóttir, Permanent Representative of Iceland, co-facilitators to lead the intergovernmental consultations on the date and modalities related to the commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations, sharing the zero-draft resolution.

The co-facilitators are convening the next meeting of the intergovernmental process on Monday, 6 May 2019, at 3:00 p.m., in Conference Room 2.

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

  
María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés

All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
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Excellencies,

As co-facilitators to lead the intergovernmental consultations on the date and modalities related to the commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations in 2020, we have convened two informal meetings on 8 and 15 April 2019. We would like to express our appreciation for your active participation in this process.

Taking into account Member States' views and ideas on the commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary expressed so far, we have prepared the enclosed zero draft resolution. As mentioned previously, it is our intention to finalise the draft resolution and complete our work by end-May.

In this regard, we would like to invite Member States to discuss the zero draft at our next meeting on **Monday, 6 May 2019 at 3PM in Conference Room 2.**

As co-facilitators, we remain deeply committed to an open, transparent and inclusive process and we encourage all interested delegations to share their ideas or raise any concerns they may have with us directly. The contact points are Ms. Shuo Wang ([wang\\_shuo@mfa.gov.sg](mailto:wang_shuo@mfa.gov.sg)) from the Mission of Singapore and Ms. Sesselja Sigurdardóttir ([ss@mfa.is](mailto:ss@mfa.is)) from the Mission of Iceland.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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Permanent Representative of Singapore  
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to the United Nations

To: All Permanent Representatives  
and Permanent Observers of the United Nations  
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**Zero-Draft of Resolution Proposed by the Co-Facilitators, 29 April 2019:  
Commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the Charter of the United Nations, and *reaffirming* its commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter,

*Recognising* the need to promote and strengthen multilateralism and *reaffirming* the central role of the United Nations in that regard,

*Bearing in mind* that 2020 marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, and *recognising* that this occasion is an opportunity to strengthen and renew its collective commitment to the United Nations,

1. *Decides* that the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations will be commemorated in 2020 under the theme “The World We Want, the Future We Need”,
2. *Also decides* to convene in New York, on Monday, 21 September 2020, a high-level commemorative plenary meeting of the General Assembly with the participation of Heads of State and Government,
3. *Further decides* that the following modalities will apply to the commemorative plenary meeting to be held on Monday, 21 September 2020:
  - a) The commemorative plenary meeting will begin at 10.00 a.m. and conclude before 1.00 p.m.;
  - b) The commemorative plenary meeting will feature statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary General of the United Nations, the President of the Security Council, the President of the Economic and Social Council, the Chairs of the five regional groups, a representative from the host country, and five representatives of the youth;
  - c) The commemorative plenary meeting will be a stand-alone event, with no other inter-governmental meetings or side events to be organised in parallel at the United Nations Headquarters in New York;



4. *Decides* that the commemorative plenary meeting shall adopt by consensus, a concise, substantive and forward-looking inter-governmentally agreed declaration that captures Member States' shared vision and aspirations for the United Nations and for a common future,
5. *Requests* the President of the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly to appoint two co-facilitators to lead and conclude inter-governmental negotiations on the declaration no later than June 2020,
6. *Decides* to commemorate on 26 June 2020 the signing of the Charter of the United Nations, and on 24 October 2020 the United Nations Day, through solemn and meaningful observance ceremonies open to all Member States and observers of the General Assembly, the modalities of which will be determined by the President of the General Assembly, taking into account the need to involve representatives of the youth,
7. *Decides* that the theme of the seventy-fifth anniversary "The World We Want, the Future We Need", will be incorporated into all activities, meetings and conferences organised by the United Nations throughout the year 2020,
8. *Welcomes* the decision of the Secretary General to appoint a focal point in the Executive Office of the Secretary General to coordinate all activities within the UN system relating to the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary, with a view to ensuring a coherent approach and communications strategy,
9. *Decides* to convene a Youth Plenary under the auspices of the President of the Economic and Social Council and in conjunction with the ECOSOC Youth Forum in 2020, to engage in a forward-looking, youth-driven global dialogue and invites the Youth Plenary to transmit a common message to the commemorative plenary meeting on 21 September 2020,
10. *Encourages* Member States and observers of the General Assembly, organisations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organisations, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organisations, individuals and other relevant stakeholders, to observe and actively support the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations in an appropriate manner, including through national and

regional initiatives, with a view to raising awareness of the work of the United Nations, and

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish a special voluntary trust fund to support the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, and *encourages* Member States and other donors in a position to do so to make financial contributions to the trust fund generously and as soon as possible.