



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3 May 2019

Excellency,

Pursuant to my letter dated 4 April 2019, and keeping with the established practice, the informal interactive dialogues with candidates for the position of President of the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly will be held on Monday, 13 May 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

I would like also to reaffirm that the dialogue will follow the practice established during the previous session of the General Assembly, in terms of modalities. The annex to the present letter contains the format for these informal interactive dialogues, aiming at contributing to the transparency and inclusivity of the process in accordance with the aforementioned resolution.

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

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## ANNEX

### **Informal interactive dialogues with candidates for the position of the President of the General Assembly**

In its resolution 71/323 the General Assembly decided, in full respect of the established principle of geographical rotation and its resolution 33/138 of 19 December 1978, to conduct informal interactive dialogues with candidates for the position of President of the General Assembly, thus contributing to the transparency and inclusivity of the process, and called upon candidates to present to the Assembly their vision statements.

The proposed format for the informal interactive dialogue with candidates for the position of the President of the 74<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly are as follows:

- The dialogue will be presided by the President of the General Assembly and last up to three hours.
- The dialogue will begin with an introduction by the candidate of vision and priorities for the Presidency (up to 10 minutes), followed by an interactive exchange.
- Member States are encouraged to make concise and interactive interventions not exceeding three (3) minutes.
- Interventions from Member States will be on a first-come, first-served basis, bearing in mind requests from groups.
- The candidate will be given the opportunity to respond to questions and comments at regular intervals during the dialogue.
- Time permitting, the candidate will have the opportunity to respond to questions from other stakeholders, including up to three (3) questions to be drawn by the candidate during the meeting from questions received in writing on the website of the President of the General Assembly prior to the dialogue.
- In line with the overall objective of increasing the transparency and inclusivity of the process, the informal interactive dialogues will be webcast.

In case we receive further candidatures, the format will be replicated for all informal interactive dialogues in order to provide equal opportunities to candidates.