



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

6 June 2019

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to forward herewith a letter dated 6 June 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 75th anniversary of the United Nations.

I have the honour to inform that the silence procedure on the final draft resolution has not been broken. The plenary meeting of the General Assembly to consider the draft resolution will be announced in due course.

I would like to thank the co-facilitators, H.E. Mr. Burhan Gafoor and H.E. Mrs. Bergdís Ellertsdóttir for their tireless efforts in bringing the consultations to a successful conclusion. I would also like to express my appreciation to all delegations for the cooperation and constructive engagement throughout the process.

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


María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés

All Permanent Representatives and
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New York



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OF ICELAND TO THE UN

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Excellency,

We have the honour to transmit to you the enclosed draft resolution on the modalities for the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations, which passed silence procedure on Tuesday, 4 June 2019. It is our hope that the draft resolution will be formally adopted as soon as possible by the General Assembly.

The draft resolution is the outcome of constructive engagement and fruitful discussions among all delegations. It reflects a delicate balance of interests and positions, and is a collective outcome that we can all embrace and build upon.

Throughout the process, we had the clear sense that all delegations recognised the importance of commemorating the 75th anniversary of the United Nations as it represents an opportunity not only to reflect on our past but also to look to the future and reaffirm our collective commitment to multilateralism. It was also our clear sense that all delegations recognised the importance of multi-stakeholder participation in the commemoration activities, including the participation of civil society and youth representatives, in order to ensure the success of the commemoration and make it meaningful and relevant to our people.

We thank you for your leadership in launching the discussions in the General Assembly to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the United Nations. While this draft resolution was negotiated under your Presidency and wise guidance, the work will continue beyond your term of office. It is therefore our view and recommendation that the implementation of this resolution requires the Presidents of the General Assembly of the 74th and 75th sessions to consult closely with all Member States and observers and to keep them informed regularly.

Finally, we take this opportunity to thank all delegations for their patient and constructive approach and for their spirit of compromise.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest considerations.

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Permanent Representative of Singapore
to the United Nations

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Permanent Representative of Iceland
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To: The President of the General Assembly
New York

Draft Resolution (28 May 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 the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations in 2020 is an opportunity to reaffirm its collective commitment to multilateralism and to the United Nations,

1. *Decides* that the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations will be commemorated in 2020 under the theme “The Future We Want, the UN We Need: Reaffirming Our Collective Commitment to Multilateralism”,
2. *Also decides* that the theme of the seventy-fifth anniversary shall guide all activities, meetings and conferences organised by the United Nations in 2020, including the general debate of the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly, and *encourages* all Member States and observers of the General Assembly to share their views on the theme,
3. *Further decides* to convene in New York, on 21 September 2020, a high level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, with the participation of Heads of State and Government, and that the following modalities will apply:
 - a) The meeting will begin at 9.00 a.m. and conclude before 9.00 p.m on 21 September 2020;
 - b) The President of the General Assembly will make an opening statement, and invite the Secretary General of the United Nations, the President of the Security Council, the President of the Economic and Social Council, the President of the International Court of Justice and youth representatives to make statements;
 - c) Following opening statements, the meeting will hear statements from the host country, Member States and observers of the General Assembly on the basis of a list of speakers to be established in accordance with the rules of procedure and established practice of the General Assembly, and the time limits for

statements will be three minutes for statements of individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States;

- d) The meeting will be a stand-alone event, and no other inter-governmental meetings or side events will be organised in parallel at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 21 September 2020;
 - e) Non-governmental organisations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council are invited to register with the Secretariat to attend the meeting;
4. *Decides* to adopt by consensus at the high level meeting on 21 September 2020 a concise, substantive, forward-looking and unifying declaration that captures Member States' collective commitment to multilateralism and to the United Nations and their shared vision for a common future and *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,
 5. *Also 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 meaningful observance ceremonies at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, open to Member States and observers of the General Assembly, as well as non-governmental organisations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, and *requests* the President of the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly to determine the modalities of these ceremonies, taking into account the views of Member States and relevant stakeholders, including civil society and youth,
 6. *Emphasises* the need to engage civil society and youth in all activities to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, and *decides* to convene a Youth Plenary at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, under the auspices of the President of the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council, in conjunction with the ECOSOC Youth Forum in 2020,
 7. *Invites* the Youth Plenary to engage in an inclusive, forward-looking, youth-driven global dialogue on the theme of the seventy-fifth anniversary and to send representatives to address the high level meeting on 21 September 2020,
 8. *Encourages* Member States and observers of the General Assembly, organisations of the United Nations system, as well as civil society 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 of the importance of multilateralism in addressing global challenges,

9. *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, ensuring a coherent and inclusive approach, and a global communications and outreach strategy,
10. *Requests* the UN Department of Global Communications to disseminate statements made by heads of delegation, at the high level meeting on 21 September 2020 as well as the general debate on the theme of the seventy-fifth anniversary, to a global audience using information technology in order to raise awareness of the commemoration and the role of the United Nations, and
11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make arrangements to receive voluntary contributions 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 generously and as soon as possible.
