



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

11 June 2019

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 22 May 2019, I have the honour to transmit a letter from H.E. Mr. Craig John Hawke, Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the United Nations and H.E. Ms. Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations, co-facilitators of the consultations on the modalities resolution for the High-level meeting to celebrate the twenty-fifty anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing+25).

The letter of the co-facilitators invites delegations to an informal open-ended meeting on Friday, 14 June 2019, at the Trusteeship Council from 1:15-2:30 p.m., as well as transmits framing questions which the co-facilitators would like delegations to reflect upon and share their views during the interactive informal meeting.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. F. Espinosa Garcés', written over a faint blue stamp.

María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés

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**Permanent Mission of New Zealand  
to the United Nations**



**Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar  
to the United Nations**

10 June 2019

Excellencies,

You will recall that the President of the General Assembly, in her letter of 22 May 2019 to all delegations, drew attention to General Assembly resolution 73/294 by which the Assembly decided to convene, in order to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, a one-day high-level meeting in the margins of the general debate of the Assembly at its seventy-fifth session, and that the outcome of the high-level meeting will take the form of a Chair's summary.

In the same letter, the President informed all delegations of her decision to appoint us as co-facilitators for an open and transparent consultative process to finalize the organizational arrangements for this high-level meeting of the General Assembly. We thank the President of the General Assembly for entrusting both of us with this important responsibility.

In this regard, we would like to invite you to an informal open-ended meeting on Friday, 14 June 2019, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber from 1:15pm -2:30pm. At this first meeting, we look forward to listening to your views and ideas on the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action so as to accelerate the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls. We invite you to reflect on the following framing questions and share your views with all representatives at the informal meeting:

**Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women**

1. What would be the modalities for the high-level meeting, in particular date and format, such as opening, plenary and closing segments? Would other elements be envisaged for the high-level meeting? [*Note: Commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN is planned for 21 September 2020 and the general discussion of the 75<sup>th</sup> session starts on 22 September*]
2. What would be the theme, and level of participation in the high-level meeting so as to inspire renewed commitment and action to accelerate the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls?  
[*Note: (a) A/RES/73/294, OP I "Decides ... so as to accelerate the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls"; (b) The theme for the commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN is proposed as "The Future We Want, the UN We Need: Reaffirming Our Collective Commitment to Multilateralism"*]

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3. How do we engage a broad range of civil society organizations and in particular women's organizations and young women and men, as well as other stakeholders in the lead-up to, and at the high-level meeting? How do we recognize and inspire their contributions to the preparations?
4. How do we encourage broad-based composition of national delegations for participation in the high-level meeting?
5. Given that the outcome of the high-level meeting will be a President's summary, how do we ensure its wide dissemination?

Taking into account the views expressed by all delegations at our first informal meeting, it is our intention to prepare a zero draft resolution in order to facilitate further discussions and build consensus. It is our intention to finalize the work on the draft resolution by July 5<sup>th</sup> prior to the High Level Political Forum.

As co-facilitators, we are deeply committed to an open, transparent and inclusive process, and we encourage all delegations to share their ideas or raise any concerns or questions they may have.

The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action marks a significant milestone for all countries and for women and girls, everywhere. We look forward to working with you and your Mission on this important subject.

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



Craig John Hawke  
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