



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

12 June 2019

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 20 December 2018, I have the honour to transmit a letter from H.E. Mr. Georgi Velikov Panayotov, Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations, and H.E. Ms. Maleeha Lodhi, Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations, co-facilitators of the consultations on the modalities resolution of the High-level plenary meeting to formally commemorate the upcoming thirtieth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The letter of the co-facilitators transmits the attached final draft of the General Assembly Resolution on the Commemoration of the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Adoption of the Convention on The Rights of the Child and informs delegations of the intention of the cofacilitators to put the final draft Resolution under silence procedure until 10 p.m. on Friday, 14 June 2019.

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

  
María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés

All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York



Permanent Mission of the  
Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations



Permanent Mission of Pakistan  
to the United Nations

New York, 12 June 2019

Excellency,

We are pleased to write to you in our capacity as co-facilitators for the preparation of the organizational and procedural modalities for the formal Commemoration of the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Convention of the Rights of the Child.

In this respect, please attach the final draft for the General Assembly resolution on the Commemoration of the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The draft resolution has been prepared following an open, transparent and inclusive process of consultations, including three rounds of informal negotiations, and in accordance with the mandate that you have given us.

We kindly request your Office to circulate the attached final draft resolution under silence procedure until 10 pm, Friday, 14 June 2019.

We would like to express our deep appreciation to all the delegations for the cooperative and constructive engagement in the process.

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

Georgi Panayotov  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative  
of Bulgaria

Maleeha Lodhi  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative  
of Pakistan

Her Excellency María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés  
President of the General Assembly  
United Nations  
New York

**Commemoration of the  
Thirtieth Anniversary of the Adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child**

*The General Assembly,*

**PP 1** *Emphasizing* that the Convention on the Rights of the Child constitutes the standard in the promotion and protection of the rights of the child, and, bearing in mind the importance of the Optional Protocols to the Convention, calling for their universal ratification and effective implementation, as well as that of other human rights instruments,

**PP 2** *Welcoming* the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the human rights treaty with the most ratifications in history, and acknowledging that the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Optional Protocols thereto contain a comprehensive set of international legal standards for the protection and well-being of children,

**PP 3** *Recognizing* that, while progress has been made, the situation of children is critical in many parts of the world and many challenges remain to ensure the full realization of their rights, and that in this regard the thirtieth anniversary of the Convention is an occasion for States to reflect on implementation gaps and to undertake additional measures to ensure children's rights,

**OP 1** *Decides* to convene a high-level commemorative event on the Thirtieth Anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child during the high-level week of the 74<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly on 25 September 2019 from 8:30 am to 9:30 am at the Trusteeship Council Chamber;

**OP 2** *Decides further* that, in addition to the participation of the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General, the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, the UN Messenger for Peace - Ms. Malala Yousafzai, Poland as the initiator of the Convention of the Rights of the Child, and the first Member State from each regional group to have ratified the Convention, in its national capacity, will address the high-level commemorative event;

**OP 3** *Decides also* to convene a one-day high-level meeting at the General Assembly Hall on 20 November 2019 on the occasion of the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and that the high-level meeting will begin with an opening plenary meeting and an interactive segment with the meaningful participation of children and continue with a high-level plenary meeting;

**OP 4** *Decides further* that in addition to the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children,



the Chair of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, as well as a representative of civil society engaged in the promotion of the rights of the child, to be identified by the President of the General Assembly, will address the opening plenary meeting. Following the interactive segment, Member States will address the high-level plenary meeting. Observers of the General Assembly will also be invited to address the high-level plenary meeting;

*OP 5 Requests* the President of the General Assembly, in a transparent manner and in consultation with Member States, with support from the United Nations Children's Fund, to finalize the organizational arrangements for the high-level commemorative event and the high-level meeting, with due regard given to gender balance and equitable geographical distribution, as well as the meaningful participation of children;

*OP 6 Encourages* Member States and observers of the General Assembly to be represented at the high-level commemorative event and the high-level meeting at the highest possible level and to include children and young persons in their delegations;

*OP 7 Encourages* further Member States to incorporate the views and perspectives of children in their commemorative activities on the thirtieth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child at the regional, national and subnational levels, with a view to continuing to take action and to strengthen efforts for the advancement of the rights of the child, and to consider sharing their experience during the high-level meeting;

*OP 8 Invites* all relevant United Nations entities and other relevant intergovernmental, regional and sub-regional organizations to participate in the high-level commemorative event and the high-level meeting at the highest possible level;

*OP 9 Requests* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of interested representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council who may participate in the high-level commemorative event and the high-level meeting;

*OP 10 Also requests* the President of the General Assembly, in a timely manner, to draw up a list of other representatives of relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector who may attend the high-level commemorative event and participate in the interactive segment of the high-level meeting, taking into account the principles of transparency and of equitable geographical representation, and with due regard to the meaningful participation of women, and to submit the list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis<sup>1</sup>;

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<sup>1</sup> The list of proposed as well as final names will be brought to the attention of the General Assembly. Where a name is objected to, the objecting Member States will, on a voluntary basis, make known to the Office of the President of the General Assembly the general basis of its objections and the Office will share any information received with any Member State upon its request.

**OP 11** *Further requests* the President of the General Assembly, with support from the United Nations Children's Fund, to prepare a summary of the high-level meeting in November and to bring the summary to the attention of Member States, relevant United Nations entities and other stakeholders.

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