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Excellency,

In line with resolution 72/313 of 17 September 2018 on the “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”, I have the honour to share with you a handover report, which I transmitted to H.E. Mr. Tijjani Mohammad-Bande, President-elect of the seventy-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly.

This handover report is a contribution to strengthening of the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and supports a smooth transition from the seventy-third to the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all Permanent Missions and Permanent Observer Missions for engagement, commitment and support throughout the session to advance the work of the General Assembly and make the UN relevant to all.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. ESPINOSA'.

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HANDOVER REPORT

From

The President of the General Assembly
during the 73rd session
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To her successor,

President of the General Assembly
during the 74th session,
H.E. Mr. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

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Introduction by the President of the 73rd Session

MAKING THE UNITED NATIONS RELEVANT TO ALL PEOPLE – Global leadership and shared responsibilities for peaceful, equitable and sustainable societies

The 73rd Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations coincided with a turbulent time in global affairs, but it also saw progress on many fronts. Throughout, there was a clear focus on the need to strengthen multilateralism, which found almost universal expression in leaders' speeches during the General Debate. Despite a challenging political climate, states were able to adopt over 347 resolutions and make headway on an ambitious programme of United Nations reform and revitalization. This included the endorsement of the Global Compacts on refugees and on safe, orderly and regular migration, as well as concrete steps to make the General Assembly more accessible for persons with disabilities.

The Assembly also undertook extensive preparatory work on key activities that will take place during its 74th Session, notably the Climate Action Summit and SDG Summit; high-level events on universal health coverage, financing for development, and small island developing states; the 25th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women; and the 75th anniversary of the United Nations.

Events and processes

During this period, I supported Member States in discharging the Assembly's essential functions, presiding over an agenda with 178 items on issues from promoting education to addressing sexual harassment and tackling hate speech.

I convened 20 high-level events on issues such as tuberculosis, nuclear weapons and the role of regional organizations in crime prevention. I organized informal meetings to respond to global developments and requests from Member States, and commemorative events to mark the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, centenary of the International Labour Organization (ILO), 25th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development, and 20th anniversary of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace.

I also appointed co-facilitators and co-chairs for 17 negotiation processes—53 per cent of whom were women. Together, we guided discussions on reforming the Security Council and revitalizing the General Assembly. We assisted preparations for the International Migration Review Forum; key meetings on financing for development and small island developing states; and processes to mark 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and 25th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women.

Together, we supported consultations on oceans and the law of the sea, and on a global pact for the environment. We shepherded agreements on the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and on continuing informal intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform. We helped build consensus on the outcome documents of conferences on South-South cooperation and on landlocked developing countries. In addition, we supported Member States in reaching agreement on arrangements for the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations, and on holding the Second High-Level UN Conference on South-South Cooperation.

Seven priorities

Following my election, I undertook extensive consultations with Member States, groups of states and other stakeholders to determine my priorities for the 73rd Session – which were calibrated to reflect their concerns and opportunities for action: gender equality; climate and environmental action; persons with disabilities; youth, peace and security; decent work and the future of work; migrants and refugees; and strengthening multilateralism and revitalizing the United Nations. The final priority served as the overarching banner for the session.

I then worked with my team to further these priorities through different strategies, tailored to the issue at hand, from innovative social media outreach to advocacy with Member States.

I am proud that this session saw progress in all these areas. On gender equality, a global call on “Women in Power” was launched to promote women’s political participation and leadership. Gender balance was achieved in the appointment of co-facilitators, as well as at events. On environmental action, progress was made in demonstrating the synergies between climate and sustainable development, and in raising awareness of plastic pollution.

On disability action, there was sustained advocacy to seek universal ratification of the *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*, and concrete progress on UN Headquarters becoming more accessible and inclusive. On youth, an intergenerational element was embedded into all major activities.

On decent work, the centenary of the International Labour Organization became a focal point for framing decent work as a current and future challenge. On refugees and migrants, the Assembly’s endorsement of the *Global Compact on Refugees* and the *Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration* was a tremendous collective achievement.

Finally, strengthening multilateralism. One major achievement was agreement on the political declaration to be adopted at the September 2019 SDG Summit. This represents a crucial step forward for the *2030 Agenda* as we enter the “decade for delivery”, as well as a vote of confidence in the power of global cooperation to transform people’s lives. There was also progress on reforms to the development system, peace and security architecture, and management processes; and agreement, after years of discussion, on aligning the agendas of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council with the Sustainable Development Goals.

The theme of making the United Nations relevant to all infused every activity – on the above priorities, in the work of the Assembly’s six committees, in the negotiating processes and events, as well as my bilateral meetings, trips, communications and media. It was part of the “DNA” of my Cabinet, reflected in my speeches, and embodied in the artwork created to mark the 74th anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter on 26 June. This artwork featured the text of the Charter’s preamble in all six UN languages, with the words “we the peoples” highlighted. I hope this will serve as a reminder to all those who see it that we are here to serve the world’s people.

I also presented a copy of the Charter of the United Nations and a blue rose from Ecuador, created to last until the 75th anniversary of the Organization in 2020, as symbolic gestures to highlight the need to reaffirm and reinvigorate multilateralism.

Innovation and continuity

Working closely with Member States and other stakeholders, the 73rd Session was characterized by innovation – from a strong focus on communications and stakeholder engagement, to a twin-track approach to issues that sought change within the United Nations as well as at the global level. However, several practices also reflected my desire to build upon past practice and to avoid reinventing the wheel.

This included maintaining the office structure of my predecessor, H.E. Miroslav Lajčák, and retaining several of his advisors. I also continued his practice of convening “Morning Dialogues” to foster open and genuine exchange between Permanent Representatives and held nine “Morning Mingas” on themes from tackling hate speech to millennial perceptions of the United Nations.

I also arranged the first-ever meetings of past General Assembly Presidents to capture lessons learned and support a smooth transition from her presidency to the next, and I In addition, I sought to make creative use of the General Committee to discuss greater coordination and streamlining of work.

Results

Working in partnership with Member States, the UN System and other stakeholders, the main initiatives and results of the session include:

- Strengthening the impact of women in the work of the General Assembly, putting them at the forefront of the negotiation processes. We achieved enormous global visibility for the need of more **Women in Power**, and received high-level support for the call to action for gender equality and women's empowerment.
- Consolidating accessibility for persons with **disabilities** at the United Nations headquarters with an action plan containing 14 recommendations of the **Steering Committee on Accessibility** that are already in different stages of implementation.
- Promoting the **banning of single use plastics** at UN Headquarters and mobilizing local, national, regional and global support against plastic pollution.
- Generating a **positive narrative of multilateralism** and increasing the visibility of the UN General Assembly. For this we also promoted a vision for the **75th anniversary** of the United Nations for re-launching multilateralism.
- Deepening the **alignment** between the General Assembly and ECOSOC and synergies between their agendas by organizing joint events on youth, peace and security and global economic governance.
- Establishing **joint interactive dialogues** and continuing coordination briefings with the leaders of the main organs of the Charter, achieving greater synergies at the UN.
- Instituting **quarterly reports** on the key activities of the General Assembly and its Presidency and the results of those activities, increasing transparency.
- Providing leadership for the establishment of an intergovernmental mechanism for the monitoring, follow up and implementation of the **Global Compact on Migration**.
- Promoting better understanding and awareness of the implications of the future of work for decent work for all, especially focused on women and young people; We also expanded the dialogue on creative economies.
- Bringing the UN closer to people and young people closer to the UN, deepening an intergenerational approach to the intergovernmental discussions.

Lessons learned

Throughout the session, challenges arose – some related to long-standing issues, others particular to the current context and discussions.

One ongoing challenge for Presidents of the General Assembly is delivering on a growing number of mandates and activities with limited resources. Strengthening financial and human resources, improving continuity and institutional memory, enhancing Secretariat support and assisting Presidents-Elect during the transition period – these will all remain important topics for Member States until progress is made. In addition, discussions on questions such as the timing of the Presidency could usefully be continued.

Another ongoing challenge is the issue of scheduling of events and ensuring sufficient time within events for participation. This includes both the proliferation of high-level and side events during High-Level Week, as well as the challenge of accommodating Member States in plenary meetings with limited time.

The participation of Observers and other stakeholders in different processes and high-level meetings became a flashpoint during this session, and is likely to remain a source of contention. On the matter of Observers, different formulations have been used in different resolutions to refer to Observer States and other entities with the Observer Status in the General Assembly. It is important to arrive at a standard formulation that can be used in every resolution. On stakeholders, discussions on civil society participation were time-consuming and challenging, and in some cases affected the broader atmosphere for achieving consensus. It would be beneficial for Member States to agree on a set of principles that could be applied to every case.

There are also some positive lessons to be drawn from the session. The first is on inter-generational dialogue. The participation of youth in major events was welcomed by all participants and enriched discussions. This practice should be considered for future activities and represents a crucial contribution to making the United Nations – and the General Assembly – more relevant. Gender parity in events, processes and the office also served to strengthen outcomes and boost the profile, reputation and – crucially – legitimacy of the Assembly's work. With the wider UN system placing increased emphasis on this, as well as greater scrutiny from the media, it will be important to maintain this in the future.

The value of partnerships is another lesson. During this session, the Office pursued strategic partnerships with organizations such as the International Peace Institute and National Geographic, as well as one-off events and initiatives with universities, youth and women's organizations and a range of other partners. These partnerships served to strengthen the substance of the work undertaken by the Office, increase the Office's limited capacity, and greatly boost the reach and impact of activities undertaken in this short 12-month period.

Finally, the evolution of the UN 75th anniversary discussions is illustrative of the role that the President can play in assisting Member States to reach agreed outcomes. Arrangements for the anniversary had been discussed by Member States in the Ad Hoc Working Group on revitalization but agreement proved elusive. Having consulted delegations, I raised this issue in the General Committee of the Assembly and secured support for a co-facilitation process, which was concluded successfully in June 2019.

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1. Introduction

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/313 on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (GA), this handover report is presented to support transition from the 73rd to the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). It also serves to further strengthen the institutional memory of both the General Assembly and the Office of its President (OPGA).

Outlining major goals and relevant achievements of the 73rd session, the report covers ongoing processes and offers lessons learned as a contribution to the planning of the work of the Assembly during the 74th session. It also includes a number of annexes containing relevant statistical information, as well as information on support provided by Member States, the Secretariat and others to OPGA, and refers to mandates that require follow-up action by the President of the General Assembly (PGA) during the 74th session.

2. Major initiatives realized during the Presidency of the 73rd session

2.1. The session in numbers

During the 73rd session, the Assembly had 178 items on its agenda, the highest number of items since the 55th session of the Assembly in 2001-2001.

A total of 108 formal plenary meetings were convened and 347 resolutions and 106 decisions adopted during the 73rd session, which is the highest number of resolutions ever adopted at any annual regular session of the General Assembly.

In its resolutions and decisions, the General Assembly approved around 35 new initiatives, including on promoting interreligious and intercultural dialogue and tolerance in countering hate speech; enhancement of international cooperation to assist victims of terrorism; establishing the UN decade on ecosystem restoration or the year of elimination of child labour. The Assembly also for the first time addressed the issue of sexual harassment and decided to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the organization.

PGA convened 18 mandated high-level meetings of the General Assembly and two high-level events at her own initiative - Women in Power and Luncheon on Disability-Inclusive Development (see annex 5). PGA also led preparations for six mandated high-level meetings to be held in the margins of general debate of the 74th session of the General Assembly. A further 52 informal meetings of the plenary, briefings, thematic debates, interactive dialogues and multi-stakeholder hearings were held together with 55 informal consultations and informal-informal meetings related to mandated intergovernmental processes.

The Assembly commemorated the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, centenary of the International Labour Organization (ILO), 25th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development, and 20th anniversary of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace.

In line with relevant mandates arising from past decisions of the General Assembly, 17 mandated negotiation processes took place throughout the 73rd session, for which 34 co-facilitators or co-chairs were appointed by the PGA, 18 of whom were women, representing 53% (see Annex 1).

In total, the PGA delivered more than 250 statements at the UN and beyond.

PGA undertook 22 trips to 33 destinations in 30 countries to increase the visibility of the UN and raise awareness about the role and work of the UN General Assembly.

Throughout the session, President Espinosa referred regularly to the unique expertise of the General Committee, constituted from the 21 Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly and the Chairs of the Main Committees. Four General Committee meetings (Formal and Informal meetings on 18 September 2018, 5 December 2018 and 17 April 2019) were held devoted to discussing the agenda of the session; consideration of issues of the alignment process and the new initiative of the President to mark the 75th anniversary of the Organization. Informal meetings of the Committee were open to all Member States and discussed the methods of work of the GA and its main committees.

President Espinosa also continued the practice of regular monthly meetings with the Presidents of the Security Council and the ECOSOC, as well as the Secretary-General of the United Nations, which resulted in greater coordination between the main organs, within their respective mandates, and synergies in the work of the Organization.

2.2. General debate of the 73rd session

The General Debate of the 73rd Session took place at an important juncture in the history of the Organization when multilateralism was experiencing headwinds and the ability of the United Nations to cope with global challenges was being called into question. 126 Heads of State and Government spoke at the General Debate – the highest-level attendance since the 2005 World Summit. Furthermore, 5 Vice Presidents and 54 Ministers addressed the Assembly. Leaders brought messages from all over the world and set the tone for the session, highlighting the critical importance of multilateralism and international cooperation in addressing global challenges, promoting human rights, security, stability and sustainable development.

Furthermore, 560 other meetings were convened by regional and other political groups, individual Member States and the UN System as well as 1676 bilateral meetings. This tremendous multilateral activity was widely covered by world media, including through 310,000 articles, from 21,000 news sources in 75 languages across 191 countries.

2.3. Advancing the main theme and the seven priorities of the 73rd session

2.3.1. Gender Equality

As the fourth woman to assume the Presidency of the General Assembly in 73 years, the PGA dedicated her term to all women and girls around the world. She advocated for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls as a crucial contribution to progress across the 2030 Agenda and a catalyst for ensuring the well-being of all persons on a sustainable planet.

Over the course of her term, PGA prioritized the empowerment of women and girls while focusing on three thematic areas: i) political leadership, ii) economic empowerment and iii) transforming social norms to accelerate women's empowerment.

High-level Event on Women in Power

On 12 March 2019, the President of the General Assembly hosted a high-level event “Women in Power” in the margins of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), with the participation of Heads of State and Government and other senior leaders. The high-level event aimed at promoting women's leadership at all level of decision-making by identifying barriers, lessons learnt and best practices. Five out of 10 current women Presidents (Croatia, Estonia, Lithuania, Nepal, Trinidad and Tobago) and one Prime Minister (Iceland) participated in the

high-level event along with other leaders representing all regions, while the President of Malta and the Prime Minister of New Zealand sent video messages. The PGA, the Secretary-General, the Executive Director of UN Women and the Chair of the CSW delivered opening remarks, followed by interactive roundtables on 'How Women Leaders Change the World' and 'The Future of Women's Leadership'. The high-level event also fostered an environment of mentoring and dialogue between present and future leaders through a luncheon with young women leaders, co-hosted with the Permanent Mission of Qatar and moderated by the Secretary-General's Youth Envoy.

At the initiative of the PGA, 15 leaders who participated in the event, signed a 'Call for Action' to promote women's leadership through concrete efforts in the areas of policymaking and advocacy. The Call for Action identifies eight key areas to ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making. It also invites all women and men leaders to join forces and to act without delay to achieve real equality for women for the benefit of all humanity.

To build on the synergies with other global initiatives, the PGA launched "Women in Power - Call for Action & Women Leaders - Voices for Change and Inclusion: Joining Forces and Redoubling Efforts to Achieve Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment for All". A regional women's ministerial meeting was held in La Paz to ensure maximum impact across societies.

Group of Gender Equality Leaders

As part of her commitment to gender equality, PGA established a Group of Gender Equality Leaders to identify barriers that hinder women's empowerment and leadership in the public and private sectors and share best practices that can accelerate the achievement of gender equality. The initiative brought together a diverse group of eminent leaders representing a variety of backgrounds and ideas but sharing one common goal: to accelerate the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women in their own communities and around the world.

The first meeting of the Group was held on 29 January at the UN Foundation in New York and included a private session between PGA and members of the Group, with the participation of the Executive Director of UN Women, followed by an interactive panel discussion with Member States and the UN community. Participants commended the PGA's initiative to establish the Group and underlined the critical role of leaders in promoting change.

In follow-up to the flagship event on Women in Power on 12 March 2019, PGA Gender Equality Leaders group met on 15 July 2019 to discuss taking forward the 'call for action' issued in March, as well as women's leadership on sustainable development. Participants included H.E. Inga-Rhonda King, President of ECOSOC, and H.E. Prof. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, President-Elect of the 74th Session, who announced his intention to become an International Gender Champion and build on the initiatives undertaken during this Session.

The third and final meeting in this series took place on 12 September 2019, under the banner "Joining Forces and Redoubling Efforts to Achieve Gender Equality and Women Empowerment for All". Participants included Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director of UN Women, and Ms. Susana Malcorra of Women Leaders Voices for Change.

Targeted efforts were made to increase gender parity in the GA, as well as to bring greater attention to gender perspectives across the GA agenda. Gender equality was a guiding principle in every decision and appointment. 53% of facilitators leading negotiations on GA processes

were women Ambassadors. Where possible, gender balance was a primary requirement for all high-level meetings and panels during the 73rd session. Other initiatives included:

- *Leveraging the Office of the PGA for celebrating International Women's Day 2019*, through offering the patronage of the Office to the celebrations and reaching out to all Member States and other stakeholders with a personal message urging accelerated action for measurable change;
- *Engaging with local women's groups and leaders during official travel. During official trips abroad, engagements were organized to meet with local advocates and civil society organizations focusing on a specific priority theme under gender. The engagements were used to create synergies with PGA's flagship event and major global campaigns on gender;*
- *Welcoming Goodwill Ambassadors and public figures* who champion gender equality and women's empowerment to events organized by the PGA.
- *Establishing partnerships* with movements within the UN system including: "The Spotlight Initiative" to eliminate violence against women and girls; "HeforShe", engaging men and boys for gender equality; "Every Woman Every Child" addressing the health challenges facing women and children; "United Nations Girls Education Initiative" to accelerate action on girls' education; "Empower Women" a network dedicated to achieve women's full economic potential.

Lessons learned and recommendations for future: It is recommended that during the 74th session and beyond, the "Women in Power" event is considered as part of the agenda of the CSW annual session to maintain the momentum of tackling gender equality issues, placing it at the forefront of various endeavors of the United Nations. The 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in 2020 will be an opportunity to recommit to the rights of all women and girls and to ensure that gender equality is an urgent priority for all Member States. Furthermore, maintaining gender parity in the appointment of co-facilitators of negotiations or selecting panelists for interactive dialogues should be maintained as one of the key guiding principles.

2.3.2. Migration and refugees

The PGA has pursued her vision and key approaches to international migration and refugees through the following key workstreams:

Ensuring the smooth process for endorsement by the General Assembly of the Global Compact on Refugees and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), which was perhaps the most challenging process of this session.

The GCM became the subject of an intense political debate, but also of a misinformation campaign about its content and objectives. Priority was to ensure smooth adoption of the GCM by the International Conference in Marrakesh and then endorsement by GA. The PGA acted both in public speeches and bilateral conversation with the following objectives: ensure correct information when it comes to the content and the objectives of the GCM; promote wide and high-level participation in Marrakesh for the adoption of the GCM, and in New York for its endorsement by the General Assembly; and

On the Global Compact on Refugees, priority was to ensure smooth endorsement of the GCR by GA, by recalling its principles, i.e. assisting and protecting refugees, and ensuring burden- and responsibility-sharing, supporting host countries and host communities;

Launching and concluding consultations and negotiations on the modalities of the International Migration Review Forum, as decided in the GCM;

Holding a High-Level Debate on International Migration and Development on 27 February 2019;

Promoting a debate on international migration, refugees (and more generally on people on the move) based on facts and figures, thus making sure that related policies are informed by facts and figures, and not by anecdotal evidence or misinformation.

As part of the efforts to promote an informed debate on migration, refugees and people on the move - thus making sure that related policies are informed by facts and figures, keeping the momentum for a positive narrative on migration is key. The PGA74 could continue to raise awareness on the need to ensure burden- and responsibility-sharing with the objective of ensuring assistance and protection of refugees.

Lessons learned and recommendations for future:

- ⇒ Clear interest from Member States in having conversation on people on the move at the UN, which shows relevance of the UN itself. On migration, intense debate and even dissent show how seriously Member States take the issue and the UN conversation;
- ⇒ More needs to be done in terms of communication, especially when it comes to the issue of migration. This is an important debate, which must continue, both at the UN and in the public sphere – but we need to ensure – all together – that it is based on facts and figures, and not on misinformation/disinformation, which only feed into prejudices and xenophobia, whereas our objectives as Member States must be to design sound policies based on international cooperation.
- ⇒ The International Migration Review Forum, whose first edition will take place in 2022, will represent an important occasion to discuss and share progress on the implementation of all aspects of the Global Compact for Migration, including as it relates to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

2.3.3. Persons with Disabilities

Championing a disability-inclusive approach particularly in the implementation of the SDGs has been a major priority during the 73rd session. PGA undertook sustained advocacy for universal ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and outreached individually to Member States who have not yet done so to ratify the Convention, for further realization of the rights of persons with disabilities toward inclusive development. PGA also reached out to local organizations of persons with disabilities during her official trips and increased their participation in the High-Level events at the United Nations.

PGA also launched the Steering Committee on Accessibility (SCA) with the participation of Member States, different Departments of the Secretariat and civil society organizations. H.E. Mr. Walton Alfonso Webson, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda and H.E. Mr. Park Chull-joo, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea were appointed as the co-chairs of the Committee, which held monthly meetings from January to March covering a wide range of issues on accessibility at the United Nations and produced a set of 14 recommendations for further action.

As the signature event under the Priority for Persons with Disabilities promoted during this session, PGA hosted a High-Level Luncheon on Disability-Inclusive Development during the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons of Disabilities on 12 June 2019. Around 150 guests attended the event, with the Vice-President of Argentina and 16 ministerial level participants. The event provided an important opportunity to present the ongoing work towards improving accessibility at the UN, including the recommendations of

the Steering Committee on Accessibility (SCA); to promote the campaign for Universal Ratification of CRPD, and reflect on the implementation of the Convention, as well as the 2030 Agenda for persons with disabilities.

The SCA recommendations were grouped in a number of areas and mutually reinforce the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy - UNDIS: physical accessibility, accessibility to conference and meetings, accessibility to information and communications; and other crosscutting recommendations.

It should be noted that based on one of the recommendations of the Steering Committee, the resolution on revitalization of the work of the General Assembly now includes the decision to ensure all meetings of the General Assembly and its subsidiary organs have accessible seating for representatives with disabilities.

Lessons learned and recommendations for future: It is proposed that the incoming President of the 74th Session of the General Assembly builds on the momentum and continues to support the work of the Steering Committee on Accessibility. As per the mandate from the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General is requested submit a comprehensive report during the 74th session on further ways to improve the accessibility of the UN Headquarters.

2.3.4. Youth, peace and security

As the most representative and democratic multilateral forum, the General Assembly is the ideal platform to universalize Security Council resolution 2250 and make the youth, peace and security agenda central to the work of all UN Member States. Moreover, the Assembly's wide-ranging programme of work is well suited to advancing youth issues in a cross-cutting manner—from decent work to gender equality, education, human rights and political participation. Its flexible arrangements with regard to stakeholder participation also provide avenues for young people to be actively involved in these discussions.

In consultation with Member States, young people and other stakeholders, PGA set out four main objectives for the 73rd Session:

- Ensuring that youth, peace and security issues are considered through the wider lens of sustainable development, including issues such as the future of work and climate change
- Leveraging the unique convening power of the Assembly to bring together stakeholders—UN bodies, governments, civil society, business, academia, trade unions, and youth—to advance youth inclusion and empowerment
- Providing young people with information and opportunities to be active participants in multilateral discussions and processes that impact current and future generations
- Broadening Member State support for this agenda

To achieve these objectives, President Espinosa and her team deployed a combination of approaches, from concerted efforts to include young people in the activities of the General Assembly, to advocacy with Member States, creative communications and related high-level events. The President also built a close working relationship with the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth, Jayathma Wickramanayake.

During High-level Week 2018, the President delivered a statement at the launch of the United Nations "Youth2030" strategy. On 29 November, she hosted a working luncheon

on youth, peace and security to garner government support for deeper engagement with these issues throughout the 73rd Session. On 6 March 2019, she participated in the First International Youth symposium in Finland, where she engaged with young peacebuilders from around the world.

Later that month, youth leaders took part in her Women in Power event, which sought to foster mutual learning between generations, sectors and regions. Youth perspectives also featured heavily in the High-Level Event on Climate and Sustainable Development. The President paired senior politicians with young people to generate ideas on the most transformative, scalable climate solutions to be featured at the Abu Dhabi climate meeting.

In April, President Espinosa teamed up with the President of the Economic and Social Council to put a spotlight on peace and security issues at the 8th ECOSOC Youth Forum. Held under the banner “Empowered, Included and Equal”, the dialogue focused on the need to strengthen the political, civic and economic inclusion of young people. Participants included young people from Georgia, India, Palestine, Peru and South Africa. They called for greater funding and deeper partnerships with international institutions to support their work on the ground. The President heeded their call, integrating into future speeches a reference to the recommendation in *The Missing Peace* that US\$1.8 billion be allocated to youth by 2025. Ms. Espinosa also took part in a forum with young peacebuilders hosted by the International Peace Institute.

The following months saw her embed youth perspectives and intergenerational dialogue into all high-level events, from activities related to decent work and the future of work to SDG 16 on Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions. During the July High-Level Political Forum, she organized a multi-stakeholder panel discussion to support the establishment of a General Assembly mandate on youth, peace and security in relation to the SDGs.

Throughout the session, the President gave lectures at schools, universities and youth events, including the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth 2019 and Youth Forum in Lisbon, the Youth Caucus at the 2019 UN Civil Society Conference in Salt Lake City, and the 175th anniversary of the YMCA, which saw over 5,000 young people from more than 100 countries travel to London. She also met with young people during her trips—to Egypt, Ghana, Oman, Qatar and Slovenia, for example.

Her Office crafted outreach strategies involving high-profile influencers, such as climate activist Greta Thunberg and singer Ashanti, to bring the United Nations message to new audiences. Meanwhile, social media was enlisted to solicit input from young people ahead of events.

And the President sought to walk the talk. She had young women shadow her at work and mentored youth leaders and volunteers, as set out in the call to action issued after her high-level event on women’s leadership and participation.

Lessons learned and recommendations for future: It is recommended that the PGA74 continues the practice of including young people in events and encouraging intergenerational dialogue. Partnering with the President of ECOSOC on the 2020 ECOSOC Youth Forum – which is to be a key “feed in” event for the commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations in September of that year – will also be important. The PGA may also wish to continue discussions with Member States on taking forward the youth, peace and security agenda in the General Assembly.

2.3.5. Environmental Action

The 73rd session was an important period to reflect on global progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Two-thirds of the Sustainable Development targets set to mature in 2020 depend on environmental action (notably on climate financing, biodiversity and oceans), while SDG 13 was being reviewed in the HLPF in July.

Early in the 73rd session of the General Assembly, the President of the General Assembly discussed her Environmental Action Strategy with a group of Permanent Representatives committed to Environmental Action (with balanced representation across gender and regions). This working luncheon presented an opportunity to receive feedback on and engagement with the strategy, while promoting further ambition among Member States. Main outcomes of this meeting included a strong focus on synergistic and intergenerational approaches, as well as close coherence and coordination within and beyond the UN. This provided the foundation on which the strategy unfolded through the year.

A second, overarching approach was to engage in key events focused on environmental action through the year, and to raise this priority in all trips, particularly in Katowice, Poland, for the 24th Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC (COP24 in December) and the Climate Forum at the World Government Summit in Dubai in February. Virtual engagement was also conducted in the Fourth United Nations Environmental Assembly in Nairobi in March and the first Global Conference on Strengthening Synergies between the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Copenhagen in April. Other opportunities included my engagement at the Pontifical Academy in Vatican City on Climate Change and New Evidence from Science, Engineering and Policy, with Finance Ministers in Rome in May 2019.

The first pillar of the Environmental Action Strategy was Climate Action, and the landmark initiative was a mandated Head-of-State level event, entitled “Climate and Sustainable Development for All”, which took place on 28-29 March 2019 (elaborated further in section 2.6.1.10 of this report).

The second pillar of the Environmental Action strategy was the campaign to beat plastic pollution. The goal was to raise awareness on the impact of plastic pollution on human and environmental health, while also calling for urgent and tangible action at all levels, in line with the UNEP Beat Plastic Pollution campaign. The widespread use of plastics presents a lever for connecting with and empowering people, as there are actions that everyone can take to make a difference on this topic. There were 2 key areas of focus: i) internal policies for eliminating the use of single-use plastics at the United Nations Headquarters (achieved with the support of Member States and the Secretary General on 1 June 2019, and ii) a global awareness raising campaign, including a global festival titled ‘Play it Out’, held in Antigua and Barbuda on 1 June 2019 and broadcast globally via live stream; and a photo exhibition – fully curated by National Geographic – at the United Nations Visitor’s Centre through the month of June. Each of these elements was supported by an extensive social and traditional media campaign, in order to raise awareness at all levels.

Lessons learned and recommendations for future: The President of the 74th Session of the General Assembly will play an important role in ensuring that the momentum on climate and action-oriented events continues. “Leading by example” by the continued phase-out of single-use plastics at the UN will also require the leadership of the PGA74. In terms of processes, the road towards the biodiversity summit in 2021 will be paved during the 74th session and would benefit from the PGA’s attention to support Member States in their decision of what to do with the SDG targets maturing in 2020.

2.3.6. Decent Work

During this session the General Assembly had several opportunities to discuss important research and policy recommendations on the future of work. The discussions focused on sharing best practices, highlighting the potential measures to provide decent, meaningful employment opportunities, including for youth and women, as well as persons with disabilities, while raising awareness of the economic and social requirements to achieve Agenda 2030.

The review of the SDG 8 in High-level Political Forum (HLPF) in July and the one hundredth anniversary of the International Labour Organizations (ILO) were the main tenets for this priority. The commemoration of the ILO centenary presented an important opportunity to mobilize leaders to fulfill SDG 8 and extend adequate levels of social protection to all members of society, as well as to celebrate optimism about the strength and resilience of multilateralism.

Sharing best practices, solutions and ambitious recommendations for shaping the future of work with decent work for all was the overarching objective of the General Assembly commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the ILO under the overall theme “The Future of Work”, pursuant to resolution A/RES/73/282. During the high-level commemorative plenary meetings on 10-11 April 2019 statements were heard from 64 Member States, including one Prime Minister and eight Ministers. A summary of the key messages was submitted to the HLPF under ECOSOC in July to contribute to the review of SDG 8.

Throughout the session, in overseas meetings and engagements, including her participation in the 108th International Labour Conference, PGA underscored the crosscutting nature of decent work, emphasizing its importance to promote women's economic empowerment and the right of persons with disabilities to decent work; to empower youth to build a solid foundation for the future and to maintain peace and security; also to invest in new technologies and the Fourth Industrial Revolution: technologies also offer new innovative ways of working and thus new working opportunities. However, there are concerns about the distribution of productivity gains, the rate of job destruction as a consequence of automatization and robotization and the uneven speed of the diffusion of technological progress.

PGA held discussions with the Group of Friends of Decent Work and other Member States on the challenges in the implementation of the SDG 8 and the role of the United Nations. At the end of the session, the General Assembly also adopted a resolution on “ILO Centenary Declaration for the Future of Work”, welcoming the adoption of the International Labour Organization Centenary Declaration for the Future of Work and encouraging its implementation.

Lessons learned and recommendations for future: It is recommended that the PGA74 continues the collaboration with the International Labour Organization and the Group of Friends on Decent Work and continues to organize annual lunches/meetings with them to define strategies for including decent work in the discussions of the General Assembly (in particular, in the Second Committee), to help accelerating the implementation of the SDGs.

2.3.7. Revitalization of the United Nations

The PGA responded to Member States' call to strengthen multilateralism with the United Nations at its core. In order to achieve these objectives, the President deployed several approaches:

- Leveraging existing opportunities and mandates of the General Assembly, notably the Ad Hoc Working Group on the revitalization of the General Assembly, the process related to aligning the agendas of the General Assembly with the 2030 Agenda for

Sustainable Development, and the intergovernmental negotiations on reform of the Security Council;

- Supporting formal and informal events on the value of multilateralism within the United Nations and in all regions of the world;
- Finding innovative means to improve dialogue, inclusion, trust and coordination at the UN – for example, by ensuring that young people are included discussions;
- Implementing a creative communications and outreach strategy, involving trips, partnerships, media and social media engagement;
- Developing a compelling narrative on strengthening multilateralism and reinforcing it in speeches, events, bilateral meetings and interviews.

This section will focus on “Morning Mingas”, as the other areas are covered in other sections of this report.

Morning Mingas

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/313 of 17 September 2017 on the “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”, PGA continued convening periodically a series of Morning Dialogues (Minga). These dialogues served as a series of informal discussions focused on issues of concern to the General Assembly and the United Nations more broadly.

Throughout the session, a total of nine Morning Mingas took place:

- 2 November 2018 on “Advancing Revitalization through the work of GA, the main Committees and ECOSOC”;
- 6 December 2018 on “Leading by example: Making progress on gender equality and women’s empowerment”;
- 30 January 2019 on “40 years after BAPA: Reinvigorating South-South cooperation”;
- 8 March 2019 on “Improving participation in and effectiveness of the General Assembly’s Work, including through the quality of service”.
- 15 April 2019 on “Bringing the UN closer to the people: re-thinking media and communication for the General Assembly and its Committees”;
- 29 May 2019 on “Strengthening the Office of the President of the General Assembly for an effective General Assembly”;
- 27 June on “LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS at the UN: supporting their effective engagement”;
- 30 August 2019 on “Combating intolerance and hate speech on the internet and social media: what potential for action at the intergovernmental level?”;
- 9 September 2019 on “Bringing the UN closer to the people: Millennial Perceptions of the United Nations and its Communication Efforts”.

Lessons learned and recommendations for future: The three processes set out above will continue to be important, time-consuming and challenging areas for PGA74. It is recommended that PGA74 devotes time early on to engaging with Member States, bilaterally and in groups, both with and without the co-facilitators and co-chairs. The PGA74 may also wish to calibrate carefully at what points personal engagement can be used to greatest impact. It is also recommended that the PGA74 continues the practice of “Morning Mingas”, which encouraged frank exchanges between Permanent Representatives on important issues and served to support an atmosphere of trust and collegiality. These sessions also enabled informal engagement with external stakeholders in a closed-door setting.

2.4. High-level meetings of the General Assembly convened during the 73rd session

2.4.1. Nelson Mandela Peace Summit

Pursuant to A/RES/72/243 of 22 December 2017, the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit took place ahead of the General Debate of the 73rd session, on 24 September 2018. The meeting was held in honour of the centenary of the birth of Nelson Mandela and it provided an opportunity for world leaders to renew their commitment to global peace, conflict prevention, conflict resolution, peacebuilding, promotion and protection of human rights and long-term development initiatives. The General Assembly endorsed a Political Declaration contained in A/RES/73/1, which reaffirms the values of peace and reconciliation.

2.4.2. High-level meeting on the fight against tuberculosis

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 71/159 and 72/268, PGA held on 26 September 2018, a high-level meeting on the fight against tuberculosis, under the theme “United to end tuberculosis: an urgent global response to a global epidemic”.

The High-Level Meeting consisted of an opening segment; a plenary segment; two multi-stakeholder panels, held in parallel to the plenary segment; and a closing segment. The meeting benefited from the participation of 16 Heads of State and Government, and 49 ministerial representatives. The closing segment was chaired by the PGA and featured an intervention by a TB survivor.

It was the first-ever GA high-level meeting on this topic and aimed at accelerating efforts in ending TB epidemic by 2030 (SDG 3.3), as well as reaching all affected people with care. A political declaration was approved at the high-level meeting and subsequently adopted by the General Assembly on 10 October, in which Member States reaffirmed their commitment to accelerate national and collective actions, investments and innovations in fighting tuberculosis.

2.4.3. Third High-level meeting on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 68/300 and 72/274, PGA held on 27 September 2018 a high-level meeting to undertake a comprehensive review of the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases.

The High-Level Meeting consisted of an opening segment; a plenary segment; two multi-stakeholder panels, held in parallel to the plenary segment; and a closing segment. The meeting benefited from the participation of 23 Heads of State and Government, and 59 ministerial representatives. The closing segment was chaired by the PGA and had the Minister of Health of Portugal as rapporteur of the panels.

This was the third High-level Meeting on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), which undertook a comprehensive review of the global and national progress achieved in putting measures in place that protect people from dying too young from heart and lung diseases, cancers and diabetes. A political declaration was approved in the high-level meeting and subsequently adopted by the General Assembly on 10 October, in which heads of state and government committed to 13 new steps to tackle noncommunicable diseases including cancers, heart and lung diseases, stroke, and diabetes, and to promote mental health and well-being.

2.4.4. High-level Plenary Meeting to commemorate and promote the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

The High-Level plenary meeting to commemorate and promote the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons was held on 26 September 2018, pursuant to A/RES/72/251. The annual commemoration aims at raising awareness among the international community of the threat posed to humanity by nuclear weapons and the necessity for their total elimination in order to mobilize international efforts towards achieving a nuclear-weapon-free world.

2.4.5. High-level Meeting to discuss the gaps and challenges of middle-income countries in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/230, entitled “Development cooperation with middle-income countries”, PGA convened a one-day High-Level Meeting on Middle-Income Countries on Tuesday, 4 December 2018. The objectives of the meeting were to launch discussions on the gaps and challenges of middle-income countries in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda; facilitate an ongoing exchange of experiences among MICs and other actors; and highlight the support and coordination that the United Nations development system, the international financial institutions (IFIs), regional organizations and other stakeholders could extend to MICs, as well as to highlight their role in international cooperation initiatives, including South-South cooperation.

The high-level meeting consisted of an opening segment, two interactive panel discussions, plenary segments for general discussion, and a closing segment. The meeting was attended by one Head of State and eight (8) Ministers/Vice Ministers. The meeting produced action-oriented and solutions-based recommendations to support MICs in building their capacity and resilience towards the attainment of the 2030 Agenda, and in enhancing their support to other developing countries.

As per resolution 72/230, a President’s Summary of the high-level meeting was transmitted to the Secretary-General to contribute to the report on “Development cooperation with middle-income countries”.

2.4.6. High-level plenary meeting to mark the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

In accordance with A/RES/72/247, PGA held a high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly, on 18 December 2018, to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (Declaration on Human Right Defenders). The high-level plenary consisted of an opening and plenary segment. In the preparations for the high-level meeting, the OPGA was supported by the OHCHR, DGACM and the missions of Argentina, Norway and Italy.

In the opening segment, statements were delivered by the PGA; the Secretary-General; the High Commissioner for Human Rights; the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders; the Foreign Minister of Norway; Hina Jilani, Member of The Elders and Pakistan Supreme Court Advocate; Alice Mogwe, Ditshwanelo, from the Botswana Center for

Human Rights; and Florence Simbiri-Jaoko the Special Envoy for the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI).

46 Member States and the European Union delivered statements during the plenary segment.

The event served as an important opportunity for reviewing the positive impact of the Declaration during the past twenty years and for discussion on ways for its effective implementation in the future.

2.4.7. High-level event to mark the global launch of the International Year of Indigenous Languages

The first high-level event of 2019 marked the global launch of the International Year of Indigenous Languages, which PGA convened on 1 February at the request of Member States and in accordance with Resolution 73/156. The event was attended by Member States, including at the Head of State level by the Plurinational State of Bolivia, and representatives of indigenous peoples, as well as the UN entities. It provided an opportunity to exchange views and best practices about preservation, promotion and revitalization of indigenous languages.

The Resolution 73/156 also provides the President of the General Assembly during the 74th session with a mandate to convene a high-level event during 2019 for the conclusion of the International Year of Indigenous Languages. PGA may decide to appoint Advisors, also from indigenous peoples to outline the modalities and organize the high-level event at the end of the year. Consultations with all relevant stakeholders to confirm the tentative date in December and preparation of concept note and other materials is required at the beginning of the 74th session.

2.4.8. High-Level Debate on International Migration and Development

To keep the continued focus on the topic of migration, PGA convened the High-Level Debate on International Migration and Development on 27 February as part of the “migration week”, a designation the President made to denote the number of accompanying events, including the Expert Symposium on International Migration and Development on 26 February, as well as the International Dialogue on Migration on 29 February on “Youth and migration: Engaging youth as key partners in migration governance”. The “migration week” ensured a rich and constructive dialogue amongst Member States, the UN system and civil society. The debate has successfully proven the importance and the need of including migration and migrants in sustainable development policies, if we are to ensure that no one is left behind. The summary of the event was shared with Member States to help inform the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

2.4.9. High-Level Event on International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace

The General Assembly High-level plenary meeting on the occasion of the first International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace was held on 24 April 2019, pursuant to A/RES/73/127. The event sent a strong message in support of multilateralism, diplomacy and rules-based international order, with the United Nations at its center. The opening of the high-level meeting also featured a [video](#) of key messages for the International Day from the Heads

of the Main Organs of the UN: The Presidents of the GA, ECOSOC, Security Council, and International Court of Justice, together with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

2.4.10. High-level Meeting on Climate and Sustainable Development for All

Following the mandate from A/RES/72/2019, PGA convened a High-level Meeting on “Climate and Sustainable Development for All” on 28-29 March 2019. The Meeting consisted of a formal plenary meeting, a high-level working luncheon, and two interactive panel discussions. It featured 100 country interventions from 5 Heads of State and Government and around 30 ministerial representatives, with the participation of over 70 youth from over 50 countries.

The meeting served as an important milestone for climate platforms at the United Nations, notably the review of SDG 13 at the High-level Political Forum under ECOSOC in July and under the General Assembly in September; the Climate Action Summit in September and its preparatory meeting in Abu Dhabi in June; and the 25th Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC in Chile in December. The lunchtime segment was dedicated to the work of the coalitions that were to identify initiatives to showcase and scale up at the 2019 United Nations Climate Action Summit, in addition to three thematic tables on the climate-health nexus, the future of work and indigenous peoples and local communities.

The event sought to achieve a healthy balance between allowing space for plenary and facilitating enhanced ambition. While the event was mandated by the General Assembly before the UN Climate Summit was announced by the Secretary-General, it was important to the OPGA to link the events, and to effectively provide a ‘launch-pad’ that would clarify the process towards the summit for Member States, thereby allowing them to raise ambition in time.

The working luncheon was instrumental in this regard, as it was the first time that the coalitions were together in one place. The Presidency set guidelines for inclusivity on the luncheon roundtables that helped with the setup of the coalitions themselves, notably requesting two chairs from Member States (north and south), at least two other Member States (for regional balance), at least one youth, private sector, and international organization representative, all with gender and geographical balance, and a rapporteur to act as a facilitator for the “Davos-style” discussion. Presidents and Prime Ministers were seated at the head-table with the PGA, and applauded the opportunity given to engage with youth throughout the meeting, as well as the interactive format.

In total, partnerships and finding synergies were key to making this event useful to Member States, and to contributing to empowering them to raise ambition ahead of the start of the implementation phase of the Paris Agreement in 2020. The support from the Secretariat (UNFCCC and Climate Action Summit Team) was important, as well as YOUNGO (youth constituency) to ensure participation of youth, which also organized a parallel youth climate forum.

2.4.11. High-level debate on the role of regional organizations in strengthening and implementing crime prevention initiatives and criminal justice responses

The PGA, in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) convened a High-level Thematic Debate of the General Assembly on “The Role of Regional Organizations in Strengthening and Implementing Crime Prevention Initiatives and Criminal Justice Responses”, on 6 June 2019, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, as mandated by resolution 73/186.

The event highlighted the need to continue to work to enhance international and regional cooperation in crime prevention and criminal justice, and to continue to strengthen the role of regional organizations to enable access to justice and fair, effective and accountable criminal justice systems. Discussions added important contributions towards the review of SDG 16 at the High-Level Political Forum in July, and the preparations of the HLPF under the auspices of the General Assembly in September 2019.

2.4.12. High-level Event on Culture and Sustainable Development

In accordance with A/RES/72/229, a High-Level Event on “Culture and Sustainable Development”, was convened in partnership with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The event took place on 21 May 2019, on the occasion of the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development, and to mark the International Year of Indigenous Languages.

This was the first event of its kind in New York, and consisted of a Ministerial Roundtable, a high-level working luncheon and two interactive panel discussions. Artistic performances also took place throughout the day, bringing in performers from disenfranchised communities surrounding New York City. Eight Ministerial-level participants, other Government representatives, intergovernmental organizations, experts and professionals in the cultural sector participated in the event.

There were two key innovations that may serve as inspiration for future high-level events: First, the Ministerial Roundtable was held in the first row of the Trusteeship Council Chamber, with the space that the panel normally sits taken up by an artist creating a live rendition (a.k.a. “Graphic Recording” of the discussion). This allowed for the 8 ministerial-level representatives to take part in the roundtable, while also ensuring that it was actually “round” and more interactive. The second innovation was to ground the discussion during the luncheon, and to link it to the priorities of the 73rd session of the General Assembly, by focusing on the “Creative Economy and the Future of Work.” The luncheon provided a linkage between discussions on culture, which normally take place in Paris, and discussions in New York, including the review of SDG 8 on Decent Work and the Future of Work. It also provided additional engagement opportunities for high-level representatives traveling to the meeting, which increased attendance.

The meeting resulted in a Presidential summary of the event outlining the key messages of discussions, which was circulated to Member States.

2.4.13. Prosperity Week

Taking into account the synergies and coherence of social and macro-economic topics, and in an effort streamline the agenda and programme of work of the General Assembly, PGA convened three back-to-back mandated meetings on 14-16 May, dubbed as the Prosperity Week:

- ❖ High-level Thematic Debate on Addressing Inequality Toward Inclusive Development (A/RES/72/141 and A/RES/73/141)
- ❖ Informal Interactive Dialogue on Commodity Markets (A/RES/72/205)
- ❖ High-level meeting on “International Cooperation to Combat Illicit Financial Flows and Strengthen Good Practices on Assets Return” (A/RES/72/207 and A/RES/73/222).

High-level Thematic Debate on Addressing Inequality Toward Inclusive Development

In accordance with GA resolutions 72/141 and 73/141 on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the 24th special session of the GA, a High-Level Thematic Debate on Addressing Inequality toward Inclusive Development was convened by PGA on 14 May 2019. The meeting included an opening segment, two panels with interactive dialogue and a closing segment. Participants gained valuable insights on the overall picture of inequality within and among countries, overviewed progress in achieving SDG 10 and looked into the recent trends, barriers, gaps and emerging issues. The best national and regional practices toward inclusive development were also showcased. The fruitful discussion of this High-level thematic debate would contribute to the review of the HLPF in the General Assembly later in 2019.

Informal Interactive Dialogue on Commodity Markets

The Informal Interactive Dialogue on Commodity Markets was convened on 15 May in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). The dialogue focused on world commodity trends and prospects, particularly in commodity-dependent countries. A special feature of the interactive dialogue was the launch of UNCTAD's report on the State of Commodity Dependence 2019, which highlighted that 102 of 189 countries are classified as commodity dependent, vulnerable to price shocks and their success is highly dependent on their diversification of production and exports. The summary of the meeting will contribute to the Secretary-General's Report.

High-level meeting on "International Cooperation to Combat Illicit Financial Flows and Strengthen Good Practices on Assets Return"

The High-level meeting on "International Cooperation to Combat Illicit Financial Flows and Strengthen Good Practices on Assets Return" was convened on 16 May 2019, focusing on one of the seven principles of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development. The meeting sought to take stock of progress made and ways to address remaining challenges to reduce IFFs and promote best practices in asset recovery and repatriation, as an important means to support the timely implementation of the 2030 Agenda, in cooperation with all relevant stakeholders. The summary of the meeting will contribute to the Secretary-General's Report on the issue and inform the discussions for the High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development to be held in September 2019.

Recommendation: The approach of clustering the mandated meetings on related issues and arranging them together in upcoming sessions will prove beneficial and encourage participation from capitals at the ministerial level and to provide delegations with greater focus across themes.

2.4.14. High-level Plenary Meeting to commemorate and promote the International Day against Nuclear Tests

Pursuant to Resolution 72/51, PGA convened a high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on 9 September 2019 to commemorate the International Day Against Nuclear Tests. The event was devoted to enhancing public awareness and education about the effects of

nuclear weapon test explosions or any other explosions and the need for their cessation as one of the means of achieving the goal of a nuclear-weapon-free world.

2.4.15. High-level Forum on Culture of Peace

The PGA held on 13 September 2019 a High-Level Forum on the 20th Anniversary of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace, as mandated by A/RES/73/126 of 12 December 2018. The event consisted of an opening segment featuring statements by the PGA, the Secretary-General, as well as a keynote statement by Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, King of the Ashanti of Ghana and a solidarity message by a Nobel Peace Prize holder and a plenary segment in the morning with statements by Member States, Observer States and other Observers in the General Assembly.

In the afternoon, a panel discussion focused on the theme of the 20th Anniversary: “The Culture of Peace: Empowering and Transforming Humanity”, reflecting the enduring value of the culture of peace for achieving the transformative 2030 Agenda. The event was instrumental in highlighting the importance of the culture of peace and its importance for achieving the SDGs, including through partnerships with traditional and community leaders as well as the private sector.

On the same day, the PGA also hosted by her own initiative a high-level luncheon on the SDGs and the Culture of Peace to further engage with Member States and other stakeholders on this important agenda item.

2.5. UN Conferences under the auspices of the General Assembly, and key commemorative meetings

2.5.1. The Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

The Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration took place in Marrakech, Morocco, on 10-11 December 2018.

The Conference was convened under the auspices of the United Nations General Assembly and was held pursuant to resolution 71/1 of 19 September 2016, entitled "New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants," which decided to launch a process of intergovernmental negotiations leading to the adoption of the Global Compact for Migration. The modalities for the Conference were further elaborated by the General Assembly.

The Global Compact is the result of a 2-year process among Member States which had begun with the New York Declaration with the aim of strengthening cooperation around international migration.

The Compact, the first ever global framework on international migration, is non-legally binding and can be used by Member States to determine their own national migration policies. The PGA has continued to work with all Member States to make migration safe, orderly and regular for migrants.

The General Assembly adopted the resolution 73/195 on “Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration” on 19 December 2018.

The successful negotiations during the previous session of the General Assembly, as well as efforts that Member-States on the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, reflects the role of the General Assembly as the main forum for multilateralism, where countries devise global solutions to global challenges.

2.5.2. The second High-level UN Conference on South-South Cooperation

BAPA+40 took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 20 to 22 March 2019 under the overarching theme “Role of South-South cooperation and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: challenges and opportunities.”

Pursuant to A/RES/71/318 of 28 August 2017, the PGA was mandated to draw up a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organization, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations to participate in the Conference as observers and initiate an informal intergovernmental negotiations, with a view to produce a draft outcome document for the Conference.

In this regard, the special accreditation process for the participation of other stakeholders was launched and the President of the General Assembly brought the list of 81 representatives of relevant organizations to the attention of the General Assembly. Furthermore, the President appointed Her Excellency Ms. Audra Plepyté, Permanent Representative of Lithuania, and His Excellency Mr. Adonia Ayebare, Permanent Representative of Uganda, as Co-facilitators to lead the intergovernmental negotiations in an open, inclusive and transparent manner with a view to producing a draft outcome document prior to holding the High-level Conference.

In addition, prior to the Conference, PGA transmitted letters to all Member States encouraging the participation at the highest level and inviting those who were in a position to do so to contribute to the Trust Fund in support of the participation of delegations from Least Developed Countries. PGA also dedicated the first Morning Minga to the issue of South-South Cooperation and participated in the Global South-South Development Expo.

The President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, President of the Economic and Social Council, President of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, and the UNDP Administrator, participated in the Conference. BAPA+40 welcomed over 3,800 participants, at the highest levels with 160 Member States, including 6 Heads of State, 2 Vice Prime Ministers and 61 Ministers from around the world as well as 23 intergovernmental organizations, 13 specialized agencies, civil society, the private sector and academic institutions. 14 million people followed the discussions virtually.

Member States and relevant stakeholders shared best practices and lessons learned on scaling up South-South and triangular cooperation in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, new areas of South-South and triangular cooperation to broaden means of implementation and renewed global commitment for building multi-stakeholder partnership.

The *Buenos Aires outcome document of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation* was approved without a vote at the Conference on 22 March 2019. The landmark outcome document reflects the current trends of South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation and comprises forward-looking elements which would strengthen South-South cooperation in the long run, including voluntary reporting mechanism, data collection, enhanced regional and inter-regional cooperation and integration, expansion of

relevant actors, combating corruption and curbing illicit financial flows, and the role of the UN development system in supporting Member States.

On 15 April 2019 the General Assembly adopted the resolution 73/291 submitted by the President of the General Assembly and endorsed the Buenos Aires outcome document without a vote, while expressing thanks to the Government and people of Argentina, for hosting the Conference.

2.5.3. UNRWA Pledging Conference

PGA convened the General Assembly Ad Hoc Committee for the announcement of voluntary contributions to UNRWA on 25 June, which resulted in pledges for over USD 110 million this year. The Secretary-General of the UN, the Commissioner-General of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and Student Parliamentarians addressed the Conference.

At the time of the Pledging Conference, UNRWA had a projected funding shortfall for 2019 in the amount of \$211 M. Following the Pledging Conference, UNRWA's shortfall of \$211M has been reduced to \$151M.

2.5.4. Seventieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

In accordance with A/RES/72/169, PGA held on 18 December 2018 the General Assembly plenary meeting to commemorate the seventieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.

The PGA, the Secretary General and the High Commissioner for Human Rights delivered statements on the occasion. Following the recommendation of the General Committee, Member State statements were delivered by the Chairs of the regional groups. In addition, individual Member States also delivered statements.

This plenary meeting served as an opportunity to review the positive impact of the Declarations during past decades and to discuss ways for their effective implementation in the future.

Award ceremony for the United Nations prize in the field of human rights

According to the General Assembly resolution 2217 (XXI) of 19 December 1966, a prize or prizes in the field of human rights should be awarded to individuals and organizations in recognition of outstanding contributions to the promotion and protection of the human rights and fundamental freedoms enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in other instruments of the United Nations relating to human rights.

The Prize was awarded for the first time on 10 December 1968, on the occasion of the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Since then it has been awarded in 1973, 1978, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008 and 2013.

In this regard, PGA held, on 18 December at 12 p.m., a plenary meeting of the GA to award the following 2018 winners: Ms. Rebeca Gyumi - activist for the rights of women and girls (Tanzania); Ms. Asma Jahangir (posthumously) - human rights lawyer (Pakistan); Ms. Joênia Wapichana - activist for the rights of indigenous communities (Brazil); Front Line Defenders - organization advocating and working for the protection of human rights defenders (Ireland), who were chosen by a special committee comprising of the President of the 72nd of the General

Assembly; the President of the Economic and Social Council; the President of the Human Rights Council, the Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Chair of the Advisory Committee of the Human Rights Council. The PGA, the Secretary General and the High Commissioner for Human Rights addressed the Assembly on the occasion.

2.5.5. Commemorative meeting of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 25.3.2019

In accordance with A/RES/73/262, PGA convened on 25 March 2019, at 10:00 a.m., a plenary meeting to commemorate the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination with a focus on “on the mitigation and countering of rising nationalist populism and extreme supremacist ideologies”, with the participation of the SG, the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights; the Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.

2.5.6. Commemoration meeting of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade 25.03.2019

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 62/122 and 70/7, the PGA held on 25 March 2019, at 3:00 p.m., a plenary meeting of the Assembly to commemorate the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, with the theme "Remember Slavery: Power of the Arts for Justice". The meeting featured the participation of the SG and Mr. Christopher Cozier, an artist from Trinidad and Tobago as a keynote speaker appointed by the Member States Steering Committee. Following the recommendation of the General Committee, Member State statements were delivered by the Chairs of the regional groups.

The 2019 theme drew attention to the many examples of artistic expression – including memorials, music, dance and architecture – that have helped to remember the history and consequences of the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

2.6. Other meetings of the General Assembly

2.6.1. Informal Meeting of the General Assembly Plenary on the Impact of Rapid Technological Change on the Achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals

On 18 October 2018 PGA, at the request of the Permanent Mission of Mexico (chair of the Group of Friends of the Impact of Exponential Technologies on the Achievement of the SDGs), convened an informal meeting of the General Assembly, in line with A/RES/72/242. The meeting provided an opportunity to take stock of the outcome of the third Science, Technology and Innovation Forum, and provide updates from the UN System. This included an overview of the UN Secretary-General's initiatives on new technologies by Assistant Secretary-General for strategic coordination, Mr. Fabrizio Hochschild; a Presentation of the Technology and Innovation Report 2018 “Harnessing Frontier Technologies for Sustainable Development” by the Director of the Division on Technology and Logistics, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Shamika Sirimanne; a Presentation of the co-chairs' conclusions of the STI Forum by the DPR of Mexico and presentation of the findings by the

Technology Facilitation Mechanism by UN DESA; and a Briefing on the World Economic and Social Survey 2018 by Senior Economist, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Mariangela Parra-Lancourt. Extensive efforts were made to ensure gender representation at this informal meeting, and female experts were explicitly requested from the Secretariat for the briefings, where possible.

2.6.2. Joint briefing by the Presidents of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council

On 31 January 2019 the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) convened the inaugural Joint Briefing of the Presidents in the history of the United Nations. The briefing was organized to apprise Member States of the efforts to facilitate coherence in the work of the General Assembly and the ECOSOC, pursuant to Assembly resolution 72/313 of 20 September 2018, entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”, in particular paragraphs 29, 30 and 31 related to the need to enhance synergies and coherence and reduce overlap where it is found to exist in the agendas of the General Assembly, the ECOSOC and their subsidiary bodies, as well as the High-Level Political Forum and other related forums in light of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Member States were briefed on five areas of work of the two organs, namely i) the alignment process; (ii) High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development; (iii) Youth; (iv) Decent Work; and (v) Financing for Development.

Recommendation: It is strongly recommended that this initiative be continued throughout future sessions to provide Member States with a tangible demonstration of the synergies and coherence of the two organs and reduction in the overlap in their areas of work.

2.6.3. Informal meeting of the plenary with former PGAs on the theme "The revitalization of the UN in favour of a strengthened multilateral rules-based system" on 4.02.2019

The President of the General Assembly convened an event with eight former Presidents of the General Assembly, on 4 February 2019, around the theme “Revitalization of the United Nations in favor of a strengthened multilateral rules-based system”.

The event, consisting of a private discussion, a working luncheon, a media engagement as well as an informal interactive meeting with Member States, was meant to contribute to the efforts to revitalize the United Nations and multilateralism, in order to respond to the increasing challenges, the world is facing today. Discussions focused on concrete recommendations on how to make sure that the UN delivers for the people effectively and efficiently, including through a reformed and reinvigorated multilateral system.

2.6.4. Joint briefing by the President of the General Assembly and the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the 2019 Climate Summit

PGA and the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Climate Action Summit hosted a joint briefing to Member States on 14 February. Given the many key events on the roadmap to the Climate Summit, kicked off by the High-level Meeting on Climate and Sustainable Development For All, the President and the Special Envoy, briefed Member States on how the High-level Meeting on 28 March would contribute in the narrative setting and organization of

the Climate Action Summit in September. Member States expressed broad support for the process and their gratitude for the information. Particular issues of interest in relation to climate were highlighted for consideration, including the particular case of Small Island Developing States, water security, food scarcity, extreme weather events, climate-induced migration, economic opportunities presented by climate action, and the need for collective action.

2.6.5. Informal meeting of the plenary on the theme “From global issues to local priorities: The role of cities in the global agenda, including cities for sustainable development, food security, nutrition and climate change”

PGA convened on 19 February 2019, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat), an event on the theme: “From Global Issues to Local Priorities: The Role of Cities in the Global Agenda, Including Cities for Sustainable Development, Food Security, Nutrition and Climate Change”.

The meeting, which consisted of an opening segment as well as two panels followed by interactive dialogues, was attended by the Director General of FAO, the Mayors of Quito (Ecuador), Praia (Cabo Verde), Surabaya (Indonesia), Valencia (Spain) and Nairobi (Kenya); as well as the Commissioner for International Affairs of New York City and the Secretary-General of the United Cities and Local Governments. The Executive Director of the UN Habitat participated through a recorded video message.

Participants shared experiences of effective local priorities, innovative strategies and lessons learned in addressing global challenges, including climate change, food insecurity and improved nutrition. A Summary of the deliberations has been shared with Member States.

2.6.6. Informal interactive dialogue of the General Assembly and the Peacebuilding Commission on peacebuilding and sustaining peace on 26.03.2019

In the context of strengthening the peacebuilding architecture, PGA convened the first ever Informal Interactive Dialogue (IID) between the General Assembly and the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) on 26 March 2019. The dialogue focused on the progress made on operational policy and coherence; strengthening leadership and capacities in support of peacebuilding and sustaining peace, including good practices and lessons learned, guided by national ownership and people-centered approaches. In discussing partnerships and financing, delegations emphasized the critical importance of adequate, predictable and sustained financing for peacebuilding. Beyond financing, the delegations recognized the need for strategic partnerships with regional and sub-regional organizations for effective implementation of the overall UN reform process.

Member States welcomed the IID as a concrete step forward in enhancing intergovernmental coherence in support of peacebuilding and sustaining peace. Several delegations took note of the PBC’s advisory convening targeted discussions in support of nationally identified peacebuilding priorities. Members States largely agreed on the centrality of national ownership and the imperative of meaningful local level and community participation, especially of women and youth, in peace and development activities.

At the close of the dialogue, there was broad consensus for regular dialogues between the two bodies. As a way of formalizing this interest and ensuring continuity, the PGA and Chair of the PBC may by an exchange of letters institutionalize the convening of IIDs on an annual basis to broaden participation and strengthen peacebuilding efforts across board.

2.6.7. Interactive multi-stakeholder hearing as part of the preparatory process for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on Universal Health Coverage

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 73/131, the PGA held on 29 April the “Interactive multi-stakeholder hearing on universal health coverage”, which consisted of an opening segment; three multi-stakeholder interactive panel discussions; and a closing segment.

The Hearing provided the representatives of Member States, parliamentarians, relevant UN entities, over 500 registered civil society organizations, academia, professional associations and the private sector, with an opportunity to share experiences and contributed constructively to negotiations of the political declaration and to the preparations of the High-Level Meeting in September 2019.

2.6.8. Informal meeting of the plenary to hear a briefing on the scope and format of the activities for the high-level political forum on sustainable development, under the auspices of the General Assembly

On 14 June, PGA convened an informal briefing to Member States on the modalities for the SDG Summit and the vision for the high-Level Week in September 2019. The PGA was joined by the President of ECOSOC, the President-elect of the 74th session of the General Assembly, the Deputy Secretary-General, Under Secretary- General of DESA, as well as co-facilitators for all the processes of the high-level week in September 2019. The Briefing outlined to Member States the approach to ensure greater coherence and synergy across the sustainable development-related meetings of High-Level Week in September 2019 and the modalities for the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, under the auspices of the General Assembly (SDG Summit). The process for the recommendations of the modalities for the SDG Summit was led by the Permanent Representative of El Salvador.

2.6.9. Other meetings convened on the PGA’s initiative or at the request of Member States or the UN system (not covered in other chapters of this report):

- Informal meeting of the plenary to hear a briefing by the Secretary-General on the implementation of his reform proposals, 27.11.2018;
- PGA’s Briefing to Member States on priorities for resumed part of the 73rd session, on 15.01.2019;
- Informal meeting of the plenary to hear a briefing by the Secretary-General on his priorities for 2019, on 16.01.2019;
- Informal meeting of the plenary to hear a briefing by the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Organization on 01.03.2019;
- Informal meeting of the GA to hear a briefing of the Group of 20 as per resolution 71/327 entitled “The United Nations in global economic governance” on 11.03.2019;
- Interactive dialogue during the commemoration of International Mother Earth Day as per resolution 72/223 entitled “Harmony with Nature” on 22.04.2019;
- Informal Meeting of the plenary to hear a briefing by the members of the independent High-level Panel on Digital Cooperation on 10.06.2019;
- Informal meeting of the plenary on “Combating Anti-Semitism and Other Forms of

Racism and Hate – The Challenges of Teaching Tolerance and Respect in the Digital Age” on 26.06.2019;

- Informal meeting of the plenary to hear a briefing by the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar on 01.07.2019;
- Informal meeting of the GA in observance of the Nelson Mandela International Day as per resolution 70/175 entitled “*United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Mandela Rules)*” on 18.07.2019.

3. Ongoing processes and meetings involving the President of the 74th session

3.1. Meetings to be convened at the beginning of the 74th session for which preparations have already started in the 73rd session

3.1.1. High-level week in September 2019

➤ High-level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage

According to the GA resolutions 72/139 and 73/131, PGA74 will convene a one-day high-level meeting on universal health coverage at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 23 September 2019, which will bring together heads of state, political and health leaders, policy-makers, and universal health coverage champions to advocate for health for all.

The High-Level Meeting will consist of an opening segment, featuring statements by the President of the 74th session of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Director General of the World Health Organization, the President of the World Bank Group, and an eminent high-level champion of UHC; a plenary segment; Two multi-stakeholder panels, held in parallel to the plenary segment; and a closing segment.

The meeting will focus on accelerating progress towards universal health coverage, including access to essential health services, including skilled health workforce, financial risk protection and access to safe, quality, effective and affordable medicines and vaccines for all. It is a priority to garner political and financial commitments from countries and sustain health investments.

A political declaration on universal health coverage was negotiated by Member States during the 73rd session in the framework of the facilitation process led by Permanent Representatives of Georgia and Thailand and is to be approved at the high-level meeting by Heads of State and Government.

➤ High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, under the auspices of the General Assembly (SDG Summit)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 67/290, the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development under the auspices of the General Assembly (SDG Summit) will be convened for the first time since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by Heads of State and Government in September 2015. It is the central UN platform for Heads of State and Government to provide political leadership and recommendations on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This event will take place from 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 24 September and 25 September 2019 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, UNHQ in New York.

The SDG Summit therefore aims to not only review progress but also to provide political leadership, guidance and recommendations for accelerating progress towards the 2030 Agenda. It aims to mark the beginning of a decade of delivery and to provide space for all actors to

identify SDG acceleration actions that will speed up the transformation of our societies and economies.

The SDG Summit will comprise: (i) an Opening Segment, including a Fireside chat discussion on the findings of the Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR), written by a team of Independent Scientists, and the adoption of the political declaration negotiated by Member States; video messages on Leaving No One Behind; and Leaders Dialogues (Heads of State and Government, the UN System and Intergovernmental Organizations, Major Groups and Stakeholders).

The Leaders Dialogues are intended to provide platforms for Heads of State and Government to share insights, give specific guidance and make recommendations on the six main themes that will be addressed during the Summit. The themes are inspired by the GSDR, and by the Secretary-General's Special Edition of the annual SDG Progress Report.

In addition to the adoption of the political declaration, the SDG Summit will provide the platform for the announcement of commitments to accelerate action for implementation. "SDG Acceleration Actions" are initiatives voluntarily undertaken by countries and other actors to contribute to the acceleration of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Such acceleration actions can be announced by national Governments, local and regional governments, the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations, international and regional financial institutions, major groups and other stakeholders including the private sector, civil society organizations, academic and research institutions, the scientific community, and other actors – individually or in partnership.

A comprehensive package of program and logistical information, as well as concept note and guidance document for the SDG Summit was circulated to Member States on 11 September 2019.

➤ **High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development of the General Assembly**

The High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development of the General Assembly, mandated by the General Assembly in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Resolution 69/313 of 27 July 2015), will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. on 26 September 2019, at the Trusteeship Council Chamber, United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The dialogue consists of an opening segment, four interactive dialogues, and a closing segment.

Taking place every four years, the High Level Dialogue on Financing for Development serves as the forum for Heads of State and Government, Ministers and other political representatives, as well as stakeholders from the private sector, civil society and academia, to gather and reflect upon the progress made and where further action is required towards implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, which is the overarching global framework for mobilizing financial and non-financial resources from all sources for achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

➤ **High-level meeting to review progress made in addressing the priorities of small island developing States through the implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway**

The Political Declaration, co-facilitated by the ambassadors of Fiji and Ireland, will be approved at the High-level meeting. The organizational and logistical arrangements for the

mid-term review were completed under the 73rd session. The President of the 74th session will participate in the opening and closing segments (from 10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.- 6 p.m. on 27 September 2019).

3.1.2. High-level commemorative event to mark the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 73/301, a high-level commemorative event to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child will be held on 25 September 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The event will provide the opportunity for Member States to demonstrate commitment and to showcase how the lives of millions of children have been improved through the progressive realization of rights and fulfilment of obligations enshrined within the Convention and its Optional Protocols.

The commemoration of CRC at 30 will also provide the opportunity for bold action to leave no child behind, and to support every child to reach their full potential in fulfilment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. PGA74 will preside over the meeting.

3.1.3. High-level Plenary Meeting to commemorate and promote the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

The General Assembly by its Resolution 73/40 of 5 December 2018, entitled "Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament" reiterated its request to the President to organize on 26 September every year, a one-day high-level plenary meeting of the Assembly to commemorate and promote the International Day for the Total Elimination for Nuclear Weapons.

Pursuant to the resolution, the high-level plenary meeting will take place on Thursday 26 September 2019 during the 74th Session in Conference Room 4 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p. m. and from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

PGA 73 circulated a letter on 19 July 2019 informing member states of the event and its programme. Member States are encouraged to limit speaking time to 4 minutes. It is an open Meeting and would be Web Cast. Partners: UNODA, DGACM.

3.2. Other meetings and processes

3.2.1. Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) on the question of the equitable representation on and the increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council

The question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters remains one of the most important and complex processes before the General Assembly. During the high-level General Debate of the seventy-third session, eighty world leaders emphasized the need to reform the Security Council.

Throughout the current session, PGA chaired two formal plenary meetings on the issue, on 20 November and on 25 June. The co-chairs of the IGN, H.E. Mrs. Lana Zaki Nusseibeh, Permanent Representative of United Arab Emirates, and H.E. Mr. Christian Braun, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg, convened five informal meetings of the plenary, during two days each, between 29 January and 30 May 2019. All these discussions were rich and thought-

provoking, highlighting the central role of the General Assembly in this matter. Member States and groups of Member States presented their positions and proposals on the five key issues, namely (i) categories of membership; (ii) the question of the veto; (iii) regional representation; (iv) size of an enlarged Security Council and working methods of the Council; and (v) the relationship between the Council and the General Assembly.

According to the Decision 72/557, the General Assembly has built on the outcome documents of the IGN during the 69th and 72nd sessions, while using the elements of the documents of the 70th and 71st sessions. President Maria Fernanda Espinosa worked to create the necessary conditions for progress in this mandated Member States-driven process. PGA conducted extensive and inclusive consultations with Member States in her efforts to build consensus and achieve meaningful progress, which resulted in oral decision 73/554, adopted by the General Assembly by consensus. In this decision, the President proposed - and the General Assembly decided - to continue the IGN on Security Council reform at its seventy-fourth session "building on the informal meetings held during its seventy-third session and on the revised elements of commonality and issues for further consideration, circulated on 7 June 2019, as well as the positions of and proposals made by Member States, reflected in the text and its annex circulated on 31 July 2015".

3.2.2. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

In accordance to General Assembly Resolution 72/313 of 17 September 2018 entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly", the President of the General Assembly appointed H.E Ms. Sima Sami Bahous, Permanent Representative of Jordan and H.E. Mr. Michal Mlynar, Permanent Representative of Slovakia as Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly (AHWG) during the seventy-third session.

As the revitalization of the United Nations, and in particular, the General Assembly has been identified as a main priority by the President of the General Assembly, many initiatives have been undertaken, including through dedicating some Morning Mingas, General Committee meetings as well as other activities (luncheons, meeting of the former PGAs) to advance topics related to the AHWG on the GA Revitalization.

Furthermore, the PGA took part in a number of formal meetings of the Ad-Hoc Working Group, including through delivering statements and engaging in interactive discussions. This includes the general debate (28 February), the working methods of the Assembly (27 March) and the thematic debate dedicated to "The strengthening of the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly" (30 April).

After a series of formal, informal meetings as well as rounds of consultations, the AHWG concluded its work by the adoption of a Resolution, which includes a number of recommendations and mandates, including:

- The need to limit the number of high-level events as well as side events in the margins of the General Debate;
- The need to rationalize timing and number of thematic debates to be convened by the PGA in order to ensure high-level attendance;
- The importance of holding interactive and comprehensive dialogue between the Permanent Missions and the Secretariat as mandated in resolution 71/323 during the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group;
- A reference to PGA and SG's efforts to phase-out single-use plastic food containers and disposable cutlery at UN catering venues in New York and the need to ensure that these

measures will not lead to any additional increase of prices of goods and services provided by vendors;

- A request to the Main Committee to further discuss their working methods, while inviting the Chairs to continue briefing the Ad Hoc Working Group;
- A decision to make sure that all meetings of the General Assembly and its subsidiary organs should make provisions for accessible seating for representatives with disabilities as well as a request to the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report during the 74th session of the General Assembly on the ways to improve the accessibility of the UN Headquarters premises for persons with disabilities;
- A decision that the Secretary-General-designate shall take an oath of office before the Assembly during a swearing-in ceremony, in accordance to the text agreed on in the Annex;
- A request to the Secretariat to issue, in coordination with the Office of the President of the General Assembly, a compendium of best practices of past Presidents that could serve to contribute to strengthening the institutional memory of the Office;
- A request to the PGA to organize the informal interactive dialogue of the Member States with the candidate(s) for the position of the President of the General Assembly pursuant to resolution 71/323.

There is still a room to further improve the work of the General Assembly, and the issues of strengthening of the Office of the PGA, including its institutional memory and more predictable funding is important to be further discussed in the future. Focus on further progress on alignment process and streamlining the agenda of the Assembly would be important to address.

3.2.3. Election of the President of the General Assembly

Pursuant to paragraph 73 of its resolution 71/323, the General Assembly held the informal interactive dialogue with H.E. Prof. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, Permanent Representative of Nigeria and the candidate for the position of President of the General Assembly during the 74th session, with the participation of Member States, as well as civil society through questions presented through the OPGA website, thus contributing to the transparency and inclusivity of the process. The informal interactive dialogue is webcast. The candidate's vision paper in all six official languages of the UN has been circulated in advance to all Member States and posted on the UN website of the PGA.

According to the latest mandate from the resolution 73/341 on Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly, the Assembly calls upon the PGA74 to organize the informal interactive dialogue of the Member States with the candidate(s) for the position of the President of the General Assembly pursuant to resolution 71/323 as a question and answer session with targeted and relevant questions, that serves as a follow-up to the vision statement of the candidate(s) and draws on the plans and priorities of each candidate for his or her term, and emphasizes the need to provide enough time so that all participants would have the opportunity to put forward questions.

In accordance with the established principle of geographical rotation and the GA resolution 33/138 of 19 December 1978, the President of the 75th session of the GA is to be elected from the Western European and Other States Group.

3.2.4. Informal interactive hearing with indigenous peoples

Pursuant to paragraph 8 of the General Assembly resolution 71/321, the President of the General Assembly convened the second informal interactive hearing with indigenous peoples

on 25 April 2019. The hearing was divided into two panels, one on “selection criteria” and one on “venues and modalities of participation”. Both panels aimed at providing an overview of progress, gaps and challenges; encouraging concrete steps on the way forward; showcasing practice and replicable examples of best practices; ensuring the appropriate consideration of new and emerging issues; promoting transparency and inclusiveness by encouraging open and frank debate.

The 2019 hearing provided an opportunity for a productive exchange between Member states and indigenous peoples. This hearing with indigenous peoples is part of the preparatory process for the consideration of possible further measures necessary to enhance the participation of indigenous peoples’ representatives and institutions in relevant United Nations meetings on issues affecting them by the General Assembly during the seventy-fifth session. Additional interactive hearings with indigenous peoples shall be also held during the 74th session.

3.2.5. The Seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations

The idea of launching preparations of the commemoration was introduced by the PGA at the General Committee meeting in December 2018. The President appointed H.E Mr. Burhan Gafoor, Permanent Representative of Singapore and H.E. Ms. Maria Theofili, Permanent Representative of Greece as co-facilitators to lead the intergovernmental consultations on the date and modalities related to the commemoration event.

The process came to a successful conclusion, by the adoption of the General Assembly by consensus of the draft resolution 73/299 on 14 June 2019. 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, will be convened in New York, on 21 September 2020, with the adoption of a concise, substantive, forward-looking and unifying declaration that captures the collective commitment of Member States to multilateralism.

In accordance to the Resolution, Member States will also commemorate, on 26 June 2020, the signing of the Charter of the United Nations and, on 24 October 2020, United Nations Day, through meaningful observance ceremonies at United Nations Headquarters in New York. Furthermore, a youth plenary will be convened, under the auspices of the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-fourth session and the President of the Economic and Social Council, in conjunction with the youth forum of the Council in 2020.

3.2.6. The Twenty-fifth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women

On 12 September 2019 the General Assembly adopted resolution 73/340 on the scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, to be held in New York on 23 September 2020, in the margins of the general debate of the Assembly at its seventy-fifth session. It has been decided that the meeting will be convened by the President of the Seventy-Fifth session under the theme “Accelerating the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls”.

The President of the General Assembly at its seventy-fourth session shall finalize the organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly, in close consultation with Member States. The resolution 73/340 provides detailed mandate for organization of the high-level meeting, including the opening, a plenary segment for general discussion and a closing segment, as well as the multi-stakeholder hearing. During negotiations Member States grappled extensively with the issue of participation of civil society, NGOs, institutions and individuals whose efforts have supported the implementation of the Beijing

Declaration and the Platform for Action and the human rights therein. By agreeing to OP 6, Member States have affirmed the relevance to Beijing + 25 of all actors, including on the human rights agenda, which is integral to it. The issue of participation of stakeholders will therefore require special attention of the President of the 74th session, as preparations for the high-level meeting unfold later on during the session.

3.2.7. Commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 73/301, the preparatory process took place during the 73rd session for the high-level commemorative event to mark the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child during the high-level week of the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly, on 25 September 2019, from 8.30 to 9.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The list of NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector that have expressed interest to attend the high-level event has been agreed through non-objection procedure on 27 August 2019. The Assembly also took a decision to include Ms. Muzoon Almellehan, the UNICEF's youngest Goodwill Ambassador at the opening of the meeting.

Pursuant to the same resolution of the Assembly, further preparations for the one-day high-level meeting to mark the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child on 20 November 2019 is required at the beginning of the 74th session, including organization of an opening plenary meeting, an interactive segment with the meaningful participation of children, and a high-level plenary meeting, stakeholder participation in the interactive segment of the meeting, and so on.

3.2.8. The 2020 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

General Assembly resolution 73/292 mandates the convening of a high-level 2020 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development. The conference will take place in Lisbon, Portugal, from 2 to 6 June 2020. The Governments of Kenya and Portugal will co-host and assume the costs of the Conference. The President of the General Assembly is mandated to appoint two co-facilitators, one from a developing country and one from a developed country, to oversee the preparatory process and to conclude the intergovernmental consultations on the declaration by May 2020.

The President of the General Assembly shall also convene a two-day preparatory meeting, in February 2020, at UNHQ in New York, to be chaired by the two co-facilitators, with a view to considering the themes for the interactive dialogues and elements for the declaration. The President of the General Assembly must also finalize the organizational arrangements for the Conference no later than April 2020. The President of the General Assembly is expected to participate in the Opening of the Conference on Tuesday 2 June.

The President of the General Assembly must also draw up a list of representatives of relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations who may participate in the Conference and the preparatory meeting as observer. This must be brought to the

attention of the General Assembly no later than December 2019, and where applicable shall bring another list to the attention of the Assembly no later than April 2020.

3.2.9. Towards Global pact for the Environment

The Open-Ended Working Group established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/277 entitled "Towards a Global Pact for the Environment" continued its work during the 73rd session under the co-chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Francisco Duarte Lopes, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations and H.E. Ms. Amal Mudallali, Permanent Representative of Lebanon. The working group was open to all States as well as to civil society as observers. While under the auspices of the General Assembly, all three substantive sessions of the working group took place in Nairobi (in January, March and May 2019). The PGA sent a video message to the UN Environmental Assembly in March 2019, and to the third substantive session of the working group in May 2019.

The Open-Ended Working Group agreed on recommendations to the General Assembly by consensus in May 2019. Broadly speaking, Members recommend to 1) Reaffirm UNEP's role; 2) strengthen the implementation of existing agreements; 3) negotiate a political declaration at the Fifth UN Environmental Assembly in 2021, to be adopted in 2022 (around the 50th anniversary of the UN Conference on the Human Environment that took place in Stockholm in 1972). The PGA held a joint briefing to Member States in New York with the co-chairs on 9 July 2019, wrapping-up the work of the working group.

At the end of the 73rd session, the General Assembly adopted resolution on "Follow up to the report of the ad hoc open-ended working group established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/277", endorsing the recommendations of the group. The topic might come up in the resolution to be negotiated within the Second Committee in the 74th session, which focuses on the UN Environmental Assembly.

3.2.10. The process of enhancing synergies and coherence and reduce overlap where it is found to exist in the Agendas of the GA, the ECOSOC and their subsidiary bodies in light of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

In accordance to General Assembly resolution 72/313 of 20 September 2018 entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly", in particular in its paragraphs 29, 30 and 31 related to the need to enhance synergies and coherence and reduce overlap where it is found to exist in the agendas of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and their subsidiary bodies, as well as the high-level political forum and other related forums in light of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The PGA appointed H.E. Mrs. Maria Helena Lopes De Jesus Pires, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Timor-Leste and H.E. Mrs. Marie Chatardová, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic as co-facilitators to lead the intergovernmental consultations on this important process.

After a series of formal and informal consultations, the process resulted in a negotiated text, through silence procedure, which is included in the GA Resolution on "Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly". The main recommendations consist of:

- A request to the President of the General Assembly at its 74th session to continue working to identify proposals, through consultations with all Member States, the President of the Economic and Social Council, and the General Committee, aimed at addressing gaps, overlaps

and duplication where they are found to exist in the agenda of the General Assembly as they relate to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

- While reaffirming the respective mandates of the Main Committees of the General Assembly, the resolution calls on all of them to continue their consideration of addressing gaps, overlaps and duplication in their respective agendas as they relate to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as a whole, and requests them to make proposals available for discussion during the 74th session of the General Assembly;

- The resolution takes note of the updated mapping assessment of the SDG coverage developed during the 73rd session of the General Assembly as an evolving reference document for the consideration of the Member States;

- It takes also note of the initial efforts made during the same session of the General Assembly to develop possible criteria to identify overlaps and duplication where they are found to exist, with a view to continuing the work on agenda alignment.

During the 74th session, it will be important to build on the progress achieved so far and maintain the momentum of consensus on initial efforts made during the current session. The practice of convening a General Committee meeting, open to all Member States, to address the issues of the alignment process, as well as continuation of efforts to demonstrate the value of enhancing synergies and coherence and reduction of overlap in the work of the General Assembly and ECOSOC by organizing joint briefings or realizing joint initiatives would be important to help the process to continue to move forward in future sessions.

3.2.11. Co-Chairs of the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Steering Committee on Partnerships for SIDS

The Permanent Representatives of Belize and Ireland are currently the co-chairs of the SIDS Steering Committee on Partnerships for SIDS. The President of the 74th session will be required to appoint the next co-chairs in the beginning of the 74th session. These will need to be Member States other than Belize and Ireland, as they have served the maximum of 2 terms in this capacity.

3.2.12. The Mid-Term Review of the Vienna Programme of Action (VPoA) for Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)

The High-level Mid-Term Review of the Vienna Programme of Action (VPoA) for Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) for the decade 2014-2024 will take place on 5-6 December 2019, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/232. The resolution specified two days of formal plenary, however, the intention of Member States has been to include other stakeholders in a substantive manner. There are, therefore, two additional interactive panels, the themes of which have been circulated in the PGA letter dated 17 July 2019.

The President of the 74th session of the General Assembly will need to finalize the arrangements for the mid-term review, and circulate formal invitations to all participants in the beginning of October. Facilitation process on negotiations on draft political declaration, led by Permanent Representatives of Austria and Bhutan was successfully completed on 1 August 2019 and the text, as agreed through silence procedure, has been submitted to the PGA74, in order to prepare it for adoption at the high-level mid-term review in December 2019.

4. Practical lessons learned

In terms of practical lessons learned, the following may assist incoming President and his team at the time of the assumption of office.

4.1. Organization and management of the Office

Staffing

In line with the resolutions on the revitalization of the work of the GA, the OPGA73 was constituted with due regard to geographic and gender balance. Geographical balance helps in ensuring that the Presidency is seen as representative of the Assembly, and supports the Cabinet in undertaking the necessary outreach to all regions and groups prominent in the work of the General Assembly. The PGA of the 73rd Session committed to achieving gender parity in her team, in line with her priority on women's empowerment and similar moves made by the UN system under the Secretary-General.

During the 73rd session, the Office was composed of 38 members from 28 nationalities covering all regional groups. Out of 38 members 24 were female, representing 63% of the Cabinet. 26 staff members were seconded by Member States or UN System entities. (Annex 2).

The choice of team members reflected knowledge and past experience, as their expertise on specific areas, covering all the three pillars of the United Nations and competencies such as communication. As the Office is only composed for the duration of 12 months, familiarity with the United Nations and the General Assembly was of paramount importance.

The institutional memory of the OPGA remains limited and permanent professional positions at the OPGA continues to be needed to ensure continuity from one session to another.

Retaining team members from previous sessions can also help in safeguarding and transmitting the institutional memory of the Office. However, this rests upon the willingness of Member States and UN System entities to second staff for periods longer than one year. During the 73rd session, 9 members of the Cabinet (7 Advisers and 2 administrative assistants) had served under the previous Presidents.

Recommendations:

- Given the relatively short duration of the Presidency, prioritizing team members with previous experience and familiarity with the GA work and the issues on its agenda, as well as ensuring geographical and gender balance in the Office in line with the resolutions on the revitalization of the work of the GA, will continue to be important in the future.
- Taking into account the central events and processes of the session, as well as the key priorities of the President, it is important that the team of the President has the necessary expertise to carry out the mandates and other tasks of the Presidency. This requires flexibility by Governments with regard to who they second to the Presidency.
- Member states that consider putting forward their candidacy for the position of the President of the General Assembly might consider seconding staff to Offices of their predecessors to ensure continuity and timely preparation for their presidencies should their candidatures be successful.

4.2. Transparency

The President of the 73rd session upheld the high standards of transparency and accountability of his two predecessors.

President Espinosa took the Oath of Office upon assumption of his duties in September 2018. The President and his Office followed carefully the Code of Ethics, annexed to the resolution 70/305 of 13 September 2016.

All funding to support the Office of the President was channeled through the UN Trust Fund, ensuring that all funds were used in accordance with the financial rules and regulations. Where in kind and other support was provided, this was reported on the website.

President Espinosa make publicly available the summary of her personal financial disclosure upon assumption and completion of her duties.

The website of the President was used efficiently to make publicly available information regarding the priorities, activities and travel of the President, as well as on the funding and the staffing of the Office.

The daily press briefings of the spokesperson of the President highlighted main events and processes at the GA and provided ongoing information on the activities of the President for the wider international community.

4.3. Finance

UN Regular Budget

Two main sources of financing of OPGA are the UN Regular Budget and Trust Fund. The Regular Budget of approximately US\$ 331,000 originates from allocation set by Member States annually to the Office of the President of General Assembly to cover hospitality, official travel and other expenditures relating to the President's official responsibilities. Expenditures from the regular budget are managed on behalf of the OPGA by the Executive Office of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations.

The volume of funding in the Trust Fund depends on the fundraising of the OPGA and the rollover funds received from the previous Sessions. Donors can directly support the work of the President through contributions channeled through the UN system, including to the dedicated OPGA Trust fund, which is regulated by UN Financial Regulation and Rules.

The process of receiving contribution to the Trust Fund starts with a letter of intent from a Member State, to be sent to the Executive Office (DGACM). The DGACM will issue a letter of acceptance of the contribution, to be sent to the Permanent Mission of the contributor, via OPGA. Contributions are received in forms of checks or direct transfer to the official account of the Trust Fund.

Each contribution to the Trust Fund is a unique fund, with specific UMOJA coding numbers for internal UN charges. Contributors can earmark their contribution for specific purposes or designate it for the general purpose of supporting the OPGA. OPGA needs to respect the possible earmarking of donors. When contributions are received, cost plan is made for each fund.

President Espinosa has reported publicly on contributions made to the Trust Fund on PGA's website.

Main expenditures of the OPGA consist of travel and hospitality. Travel – including trips by the PGA, OPGA team, experts, civil society representatives and officials from capitals of Member States – must be booked through UN travel agent (Amex). UN rules for purchasing travel in advance. If the deadlines of the advance purchasing not met, additional justification will be needed. For hospitality, CulinArt has monopoly for certain venues at the UN. If the venue allows the use of other service providers, three quotes are needed. PGA hospitality (lunches and dinners), e.g. monthly lunches with Secretary General, are normally charged on the office credit card. Lists of guests and invoices from all credit card transactions need to be kept for purpose of monthly payment through the Executive Office.

For other expenditures / acquisitions, in most cases where no contract with the UN is available, three quotes will be needed. Best value - usually the least expensive service provider is usually selected. If not the least expensive provider is chosen, a justification is needed. A justification is also needed for sole source purchase, e.g. for artist fees. Acquisitions above the threshold US\$ 10,000 must go through full procurement process and be planned in advance.

For purpose of tracking, monthly reports are prepared by the Executive Office. It provides overview of balances and projection based on known commitments. Visibility on remaining funds in each fund (Trust Fund) is essential, especially nearing the end of the Presidency.

Use of office card is under the name of the Chef de Cabinet (CDC). Known and typical expenses on the card need to be listed and added as new expenditures arise. Each purchase needs supporting document to be kept on record, such as receipts, invoices and guest list in case of hospitality. Credit card bill after each month, fill in the credit card voucher which needs to be signed by CDC and delivered to Executive Office for processing. To avoid charges, it is important to send the voucher before deadline. The billing period is not necessarily the same as the calendar month.

4.4. Archiving, record keeping and other office matters

During the course of the 73rd Session, OPGA has utilized United Nations My Share Point "One Drive" to store the softcopies of key documents in the session. All members of OPGA has the access of the common folder named "Toolbox". "One Drive" is also used to facilitate specific collaborative works with DGACM and external partners of OPGA.

The "Toolbox" is structured into several folders containing agenda, travel and planning, calendars, correspondence, meeting notes, briefing notes, talking points, photos, speeches, as well as templates.

OPGA team members were also provided with trainings by the UN Office of Information and Communications Technology to get familiar with cloud-based Unite-docs facility, which gives access to files belonging to the previous sessions of the OPGA.

4.5. Planning and preparation of Meetings

Provision of accessibility services

In order to increase accessibility of the meetings of the General Assembly, the Office of the President of the 73rd session requested Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) services in Spanish, English and French languages for high-level and other key meetings during the session. The request for such services must be directed to DGACM or BCSS.

Closed captioning not only helps hearing impaired persons to follow the conversation of a meeting. It also facilitates understanding of all people and allows watching a meeting on mute. However, the quality of service provided needs to be further improved, especially in the case of CART in Spanish and French languages.

4.6. Informal processes and appointment of facilitators

During the 73rd session, the PGA was supported by 34 PRs appointed to 17 roles related to the advancement of intergovernmental consultations (Annex 1). 18 of them were women, representing 53 %.

Appointment of co-facilitators and co-chairs to lead the negotiations also helps with preserving impartiality of the PGA, as well as keeping her/his engagement as an additional step in the process to advance negotiations and finalize the process.

The appointment of facilitators and chairs require advance planning, mapping the negotiation processes and key events that might require facilitation. Experience of PRs in the particular area and support of their Mission is expected. Recent practice is to appoint two co-facilitators or two co-chairs of Ambassadorial level, one from the global north, one from the global south division. Achieving gender parity is challenging due to a number of female PRs at the UNHQs in New York, however, ensuring gender balance and regional representation has been a priority and it is important to maintain it in the future as well.

While appointed co-facilitators and co-chairs conduct the negotiations on behalf of the PGA, it is important that the PGA is duly informed, maintains regular communication with facilitators and chairs, and stands ready to make crucial decisions or rally stakeholders when needed.

4.7. Relationship with Member States and other organs

PGA maintained an open-door policy for Member States and recommends doing the same to her successor. PGA held around 400 meetings with representatives of Member States.

She personally briefed the membership on her priorities at the beginning of the resumed part of the session. She introduced the practice of providing synopsis of the General Debate of the session, quarterly reports of the work of the Assembly and PGA summaries of all high-level meetings and major events during the session.

PGA also sought to meet on a monthly basis with the Presidents of the Security Council and ECOSOC, and circulated summaries of discussions to Member States. Various meetings have been held with the chairs of the six Main Committees, as well as with the General Committee.

During the session, PGA worked closely with the General Committee on matters regarding the general conduct of the work and the agenda of the General Assembly. In this regard, four meetings of the General Committee took place, two of them open to all Members States.

In general, it is recommended the OPGA continues efforts to streamline the work of the General Assembly, including the scheduling of high-level meetings, while also taking into account the

calendars of other main organs of the UN, with a view that all interested delegations are able to participate and contribute to deliberations.

4.8. Interaction with EOSG and the Secretariat UN system

Over the past year, PGA had bilateral meetings with senior UN officials on various occasions and continued with established practice of holding regular monthly meetings with Secretary-General, during which key issues of concern to the GA and the UN were discussed. She also organized an Informal meeting of the plenary on 16 January 2019 to hear a briefing by the Secretary-General on his priorities for 2019. In addition to that good communication between OPGA and EOSG on practical matters was maintained.

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management is a key partner for OPGA and regular communication on long-term planning, scheduling, meeting preparation and services is essential. There are three posts dedicated to OPGA in GAAB in DGACM for support. Daily communication among advisors and their partners within DGACM on various aspects of work can be expected.

The Department for Global Communications plays a role in communications and coverage of the work of the General Assembly and its Main Committees, including reporting on the General Debate, High-Level events and interviews. This partnership could be enhanced through strategic planning at the start of the session.

Relations with the wider UN system are also important, particular with those entities that have mandates relevant to mandates for the General Assembly session. They can be important partners in supporting the substance, communications and organization of events. They can also serve to support visits of the PGA. During the 73rd Session, the PGA always engaged representatives of the UN family.

4.9. Outreach to civil society

As part of implementing the vision of making the UN relevant for all, OPGA has involved participations of civil society and non-governmental organizations in events it organized over the course of the session.

To manage participations of CSO and NGO, the OPGA works closely with the NGO Branch of the Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination (OISC), DESA, and the Outreach Division of Department of Global Communication / DGC (previously Department of Public Information).

As such, OPGA works with the NGO Branch, OISC/DESA and with Outreach Division of DGC to make every effort to actively promote the participation of both ECOSOC-accredited NGOs (DESA) and non-accredited (DGC), through a proper process of registration and vetting. Due diligence and transparency in the organization and management of the process – from start to finish – invariably determines the success of any event and the quality and value of participation by relevant organizations.

While the Office in the UN Secretariat is responsible for supporting the intergovernmental accreditation process for civil society within the UN system (through the ECOSOC Committee on NGOs), the NGO Branch of the Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination (OISC), DESA is responsible for facilitating the participation of NGOs in consultative status

with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations in the work of the UN, including for events organized by OPGA.

Registration

Organization & Management of the registration process include tasks and actions that can vary from one event to another, and the list of tasks are therefore adjusted and tailored according to the requirements for each PGA event. A series of actions include:

1. Place an Announcement on the Events page of the PGA, DGC and NGO Branch websites, which are visited by NGOs, civil societies (as well as others);
2. NGO Branch OISC sends the announcement as a mass mailed message to 5,600+ NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC to ensure that they are informed of the upcoming event; DGC send the announcements through its networks that include non-ECOSOC accredited NGOs and civil society;
3. Prepare a planning calendar for the roll-out of activities;
4. Review GA resolution and modalities for the Conference to become familiar with the substance, requirements, expectations and format of the Conference, among other issues;
5. Organize regular Team meetings with the Secretariat of the Conference and other UN focal points to discuss and determine the expectations for the outcome of the Conference to:
 - ⇒ Establish the parameters for setting up the registration website on *Indico*;
 - ⇒ Discuss and agree on the criteria for vetting of relevant NGOs (by collecting the required information in the registration form);
 - ⇒ Discuss the format of the Conference, particularly the modalities for the participation of civil society (as stated in the resolution(s) for the conference);
 - ⇒ Discuss issues related to logistical requirements of conference venues such as seating arrangements, access points to the room, arrangements for participants with disabilities, duration and deadline for the registration process, deadline for the approval process, etc.;
 - ⇒ Review and vet the list of registered participants to ensure that the participation of NGOs fulfills several criteria.;
 - ⇒ Respond to and guide NGOs on their registration problems and issues;
 - ⇒ Select and propose relevant panelists/speakers for the Conference to the Conference Secretariat (when required);
 - ⇒ Establish a process for managing the submission of statements or written contributions by NGOs (when required);
 - ⇒ Coordinate with and discuss logistics and security arrangements for registration, travel and participation of NGOs with relevant Department focal points including the Conference Secretariat, DSS, DGACM, Protocol and DGC;
 - ⇒ Maintain confidentiality of personal data collected through the registration process with due regard to the Secretary-General's bulletin on *Information sensitivity, classification and handling*;
 - ⇒ Compile lists of approved participants for DSS with the required information for the issuance of SETs;
 - ⇒ Arrange for the distribution of SETs to approved participants before the event.

On-site preparation for and management of Conferences:

- Conduct on-site review of registration arrangements and set up of the registration area, including IT and logistical requirements;
- Coordinate security issues and the issuance of conference passes with DSS, including the transfer of participant data, screening of participants at the registration site, issuance of conference badges, etc.;
- Determine seating arrangements for CSO representatives at the Conference with DGACM and the Conference Secretariat;
- Organize on-site briefings and consultations with approved NGO representatives to help them define their participation and enable them to make substantive contributions to the Conference;
- Maintain regular correspondence with approved participants before and during the Conference, and respond to queries on both substantive and logistical issues.

Additional information

Coordination between DESA & DGC:

NGO Branch/DESA and NGLS/DGC set up parallel registration processes through the **Indico** registration system for ECOSOC-accredited NGOs and for specially-accredited entities. The processes are similar and conform to the requirements of the modalities for participation by separate multi-stakeholder groups. Neither DESA nor DGC use Google forms, Survey Monkey or any other publicly available platforms which put confidential information of participants at risk of exposure.

Both offices bring substantive and organizational experience to the process, as well as institutional knowledge that help organizing offices to ensure successful participation of multi-stakeholder groups in the events, from start to completion. Furthermore, since the two offices work very closely, the work is closely coordinated, and information is shared to avoid duplication and inconsistencies.

Highlights of events during the presidency of the 73rd Session of GA that involved civil society and NGO involvements, include:

- (1) One-on-One Session with CSOs (5 Dec 2018 – over 300 participants)
- (2) High-level meeting on Women in Power (12 March 2019 – 250 CSO representatives);
- (3) High-level meeting on Climate and Sustainable Development for all (20-22 March 2019 – more than 100 civil society representatives);
- (4) The Multi-stakeholder Hearing on Universal Health Coverage (29 April 2019 – over 500 CSOs registered, and over 300 CSOs attended);
- (5) Informal Interactive Dialogue on Commodity Markets (15 May 2019 – 60 CSOs registered).
- (6) High-level Event on Culture and Sustainable Development (21 May 2019 – targeted CSOs)
- (7) Commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (16 July 2019)
- (8) The UN Civil Society Conference (27-28 August 2019 – over 8,000 registrants and 5,000 participants)
- (9) High-level plenary on International Day Against Nuclear Tests (9 September 2019 – 18 participants)
- (10) High-level Forum on the Culture of Peace (13 September – 76 participants).

Upcoming events to take place during the 74th Session of the GA include:

- (1) Youth Climate Summit Preparatory Meetings, 21-23 September 2019;
- (2) High-level meeting on Universal Health Coverage, 23 September 2019;
- (3) High-level Commemorative Event to mark the 30th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, September 2019
- (4) High-level Meeting to Commemorate and promote the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, 26 September 2019
- (5) High-level Review of SAMOA Pathway, 27 September 2019
- (6) Commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, 20 November 2019
- (7) Special-accreditation and preparatory meeting for the 2020 UN Ocean Conference, November 2019, February and April 2020;
- (8) The 2020 UN Ocean Conference, 2-6 June 2019.

4.10. Media relations, communications

As part of the commitment to make the United Nations relevant to all people and to bring the UN closer to the people, communications received increased attention.

The PGA is the face of the General Assembly. The communications team's role was to ensure regular, appropriate and engaging information flows with the 193 Member States she represents, the UN system, stakeholders and the global publics and the media. More broadly, the team sought to build public awareness of the work of the General Assembly and the resolutions and commitments agreed by Member States – to build understanding and support at the country level. Throughout the session, the team ensured that the voice of the PGA remained consistent and in line with its central theme and set of priorities. Each activity was used as an opportunity to shape perceptions of the UN and the General Assembly across the media, the general public and Member States.

The communication team forged strong working relationships with the media community – both inside and outside of the UN – who remained fully engaged with all PGA events and press briefings. These partnerships have further helped amplify the messages of the session. Over the course of the year, the President took part in over 250 interviews, both in New York and throughout her travels. Utilizing key moments throughout the Presidency, as well as focusing on PGA's seven thematic priorities, the team was able to secure interviews across print and broadcast media outlets, including prominent ones such as New York Times, BBC, Oprah Magazine, Al Jazeera and Bloomberg, among many others. Daily spokesperson briefings further served to keep the internal United Nations media corps abreast of all daily activities and updates from the OPGA.

The team utilized social media extensively to further disseminate and amplify messages of the Office of the President. This year's approach to social media engagement was designed to communicate the daily work of the OPGA in a consistent voice, magnifying the importance of making the UN relevant to all. Tweets were drafted in multiple languages for maximum audience reach, were visually appealing, and attempted to engage and connect with Member States, influencers and the wider public. Celebrity voices were leveraged to further these aims. The PGA's Twitter following increased by over 34,000 new users, going from 71,741 to more than 112,000 followers in 10 months (exact figures are no longer displayed by Twitter after the 100,000 threshold is crossed). The team also held several interactive Twitter Q&A sessions, taking questions from the public to be answered by PGA. This approach was often deployed for high-level meetings and events to bring external perspectives into the General Assembly.

The communications team consistently sought out opportunities to position the PGA as an authoritative voice on a variety of topics, commenting not only on the priorities for the session but on current affairs. This enabled her to have broader and more in-depth platforms to convey key messages on priorities for the session. The team secured several guest lectures/appearances for PGA (including university lectures and the Global Citizen Festival) as well as opportunities for op-eds and podcasts to further amplify messaging around the work of the General Assembly. Additionally, the team prepared all speeches and statements for internal and external engagements, both in English and in Spanish.

PGA travels and bilateral visits also presented a key opportunity to communicate the work of the United Nations and bring it closer to the people. Throughout each visit, PGA engaged with local media outlets to communicate success stories, as well as put a “human face” on the work of the UN. Content generated throughout visits was widely disseminated through digital and traditional platforms.

The communications team also provided support for all General Assembly High-Level meetings. The full spectrum of support for each event included design of specific visual identities; timely production of all branded materials such as banners and signage; designated pages on the PGA website; curated and coordinated social media content; the production and dissemination of media advisories, press releases, statements and speeches. The promotion of high-level events was often supported by interviews with mainstream and specialized media.

Beat Plastic Pollution Campaign

One of the key communication and advocacy moments during the 73rd Session was OPGA campaign against plastic pollution, aimed at tackling plastic waste both on the global level as well as within the UN itself. The ‘Play it Out’ festival, hosted by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda and supported by the Government of Norway, served as a rallying cry to encourage action from governments, the private sector, and individuals themselves to beat plastic pollution.

At the festival, the Government of Antigua and Barbuda signed and launched ‘The Antigua & Barbuda St. John’s Declaration’, a ground-breaking initiative aimed at encouraging all CARICOM countries to further the steps being taken to eliminate the use of single use plastics and end the pollution of the oceans.

The festival featured a lineup of artists and performers covering different regions, demographics and music styles and featured an array of speakers including dignitaries, policymakers, celebrities, and representatives from the scientific, philanthropic and academic communities. In addition to the 10,000 individuals in attendance, the festival reached tens of thousands more via livestream. At the same time, the social media campaign accrued nearly 400 million impressions.

OPGA/National Geographic Exhibit - Planet or Plastic?

As another element of the campaign against plastic pollution, OPGA organized an exhibit, in partnership with National Geographic and the Government of Monaco, to effectively ‘tell the story of plastics’. The exhibit was designed to highlight how this simple material reshaped both global industries and everyday life, and how it has become such an important component of life on earth. At the same time, the exhibit drew attention to the problems in our consumption and production patterns, showcasing how disposable and single use plastics – some used for mere seconds but lasting for centuries – are overwhelming our planet and jeopardizing the health and well-being of people and of ecosystems around the globe.

Single-use plastic free UN

Under the joint leadership of the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General and with the support of Member States UNHQ undertook serious steps to eliminate the availability of single-use plastics on site, starting in May 2019. Internally, the UN, with substantive support from CulinArt, has endeavored to reduce the amount of single-use plastics available for purchase, but has also encouraged UN Staff and Delegates to be conscious of single-use plastic consumption out of the premises as well.

5. Official Travel

Over the course of the year, the PGA73 undertook 22 trips to 33 destinations in 30 countries to increase the visibility of the UN, raise awareness about the role and work of the UN General Assembly and advocate for strengthening multilateralism, either by invitation from Member States, UN Agencies or other stakeholders to address Conferences and Forums, or for participation in UN Conferences under the auspices of the General Assembly. In every visit, she sought to meet with representatives from Government; with the United Nations Country Team; with the media; and with external stakeholders, in particular women and young people. The full list of trips is included in Annex 4.

6. Conclusion by the President of the 73rd Session

Nearly 75 years after the United Nations was founded, the General Assembly remains the pre-eminent global forum for the international community. It continues to fulfill its core tasks: setting the agenda of the United Nations, overseeing its work, adopting its budget and strengthening the Organization. But it has also developed over the years—as a vehicle to craft, debate and adopt solutions; as incubator of international laws, norms and standards; and as a platform for states to set out their shared vision for the future.

Today, it enables governments to build partnerships and trust, helping them to resolve their differences peacefully. It also engages stakeholders – from the private sector to non-governmental organizations, regional organizations to indigenous nations, cities to trade unions – recognizing the benefits of, and need for, collaboration to address the challenges facing the world. The role of the President of the General Assembly has evolved too, from a largely procedural and ceremonial one in the early years of the United Nations, to a substantive political and representational role that must fulfill a growing number of requests by Member States.

This was readily apparent during the Assembly's 73rd Session, with a breadth and number of activities that cannot be adequately captured by this handover report. My main conclusion from my time in office is that despite strong headwinds, multilateralism continues to deliver results for the world's people and remains the only option to tackle global problems and achieve the vision set out in the 2030 Agenda.

For this reason, I expended much effort on the political and organizational preparations for the events during High-Level Week 2019, to ensure these opportunities are leveraged to the fullest in building a solid basis for action going forward. In addition, I drew attention to the need to implement the commitments made for the International Decade for People of African Descent, ahead of its mid-term review in 2020. This is a crucial agenda that brings together priorities on sustainable development, human rights, peace and security and making the UN more relevant for all people, everywhere.

I also focussed on providing the best possible starting point for two key processes that will occur during the 74th Session. The first is the 25th anniversary of the *Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action*, which is a timely and much-needed opportunity for Member States to recommit to women's rights and empowerment, and to chart a way forward on achieving gender equality.

The second is the 75th anniversary of the United Nations in 2020, which provides an opportunity to galvanize commitment to multilateralism, to give further impetus to ongoing reform initiatives, and to make the United Nations more effective, transparent, accountable and more relevant to "we the peoples", including through outreach to stakeholders over the next 12 months.

Revitalizing the General Assembly is a crucial route to further all the above, and one area where progress has been insufficient to date, including strengthening the Office of the President. If states want to ensure the primacy and effectiveness of their General Assembly, this is an important area on which to make progress.

I am confident that my successor, His Excellency Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, will take up the reins on these discussions and build on the successes of the 73rd and previous sessions. I thank him for his partnership during the transition period and wish him and his Cabinet every success for the 74th Session. I am deeply grateful to Secretary-General António Guterres, for his leadership and friendship, as well as to the Secretariat as a whole, without whom our work would not be possible.

I also appreciate the tremendous support we have received from the wider UN System and from stakeholders from academia, the arts, business, civil society, health, labour, local government, media, science and technology. And I must acknowledge my talented and hard-working Cabinet, whose expertise and creativity has helped to shape the work of this session.

Finally, I thank Member States for the warm support I have received since the day of my election, and for their hard work and commitment during the 73rd Session. It is because of this that I end my tenure with a sense of optimism that we can make progress during the 74th Session on our vision for a safer, fairer and more sustainable world – as indeed we must.

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A/RES/73/294 entitled "Twenty-fifth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women"

- ❖ H.E. Mr. Craig John Hawke, Permanent Representative of New Zealand
- ❖ H.E. Ms. Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar

A/RES/73/131 entitled "Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting on universal health coverage"

- ❖ H.E. Mr. Kaha Imnadze, Permanent Representative of Georgia
- ❖ H.E. Mr. Vitavas Srivihok, Permanent Representative of Thailand

A/RES/72/277 entitled "Towards a Global Pact for the Environment"

- ❖ H.E. Ms. Amal Mudallali, Permanent Representative of Lebanon
- ❖ H.E. Mr. Francisco Antonio Duarte Lopes, Permanent Representative of Portugal

A/RES/72/313 entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly"

- ❖ H.E. Ms. Sima Sami Bahous, Permanent Representative of Jordan
- ❖ H.E. Mr. Michal Mlynár, Permanent Representative of Slovakia

Decision 71/553 on "Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council"

- ❖ H.E. Mr. Christian Braun, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg
- ❖ H.E. Mrs. Lana Zaki Nusseibeh, Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates

A/RES/73/155 entitled "Rights of the Child"

- ❖ H.E. Mr. Georgi Velikov Panayotov, Permanent Representative of Bulgaria
- ❖ H.E. Ms. Maleeha Lodhi, Permanent Representative of Pakistan

A/RES/70/202, entitled "Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States"

- ❖ H.E. Ms. Lois M. Young, the Permanent Representative of Belize
- ❖ H.E. Mrs. Geraldine Byrne Nason, the Permanent Representative of Ireland

A/RES/69/313 entitled "Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa Action Agenda)"

- ❖ H.E. Mr. Marc-Andre Blanchard, Permanent Representative of Canada
- ❖ H.E. Mrs. Martha Ama Akyaa Pobe, Permanent Representative of Ghana

A/RES/70/299 entitled "Follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level"

- ❖ H.E. Ms. Sheila Gweneth Carey, Permanent Representative of Bahamas
- ❖ H.E. Mr. Olof Skoog, Permanent Representative of Sweden

A/RES/71/318 on the Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation

- ❖ H.E. Ms. Audra Plepyt, Permanent Representative of Lithuania
- ❖ H.E. Mr. Adonia Ayebare, Permanent Representative of Uganda

Alignment of the GA agenda with the 2030 Agenda, pursuant to paragraphs 29.30 and 31 of the resolution 72/313 entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly"

- ❖ H.E. Mrs. Marie Chatardová, Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic
- ❖ H.E. Mrs. Maria Helena Lopes De Jesus Pires, Permanent Representative of Timor-Leste

A/RES/72/232 entitled "Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries"

- ❖ H.E. Mr. Jan Kickert, Permanent Representative of Austria
- ❖ H.E. Ms. Doma Tshering, Permanent Representative of Bhutan

A/RES/71/257 entitled "Oceans and the law of the sea"

- ❖ H.E. Ms. Isabelle F. Picco, Permanent Representative of Monaco
- ❖ H.E. Ms. Pernelle Althea Beckles, Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago

A/RES/73/195 entitled "Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration"

- ❖ H.E. Mr. Masud Bin Momen, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh
- ❖ H.E. Mr. Agustín Santos Maraver, Permanent Representative of Spain

A/RES/67/290 entitled "Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development"

- ❖ H. E. Mr. Rubén Armando Escalante Hasbún, Permanent Representative of El Salvador

Commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the creation of the United Nations

- ❖ H.E. Mrs. Bergdis Ellertsdottir, Permanent Representative of Iceland
- ❖ H. E. Mr. Burhan Gafoor, Permanent Representative of Singapore

A/RES/72/307 entitled "Modalities for the high-level review of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway"

- ❖ H.E. Mr. Satyendra Prasad, Permanent Representative of Fiji
- ❖ H.E. Ms. Geraldine Byrne Nason, Permanent Representative of Ireland

Annex 2: Governments and others which seconded staff to the OPGA during the 73rd session (in alphabetical order)

Algeria	Malaysia
Angola	Mexico
Austria	State of Qatar
Brazil	Paraguay
People's Republic of China	Portugal
Ecuador	Thailand
European Union	United Arab Emirates
Georgia	
Germany	UN Department for Global Communications
Ghana	IOM
Hungary	UNDP
Indonesia	UNFPA
Jamaica	UNICEF
Japan	

Annex 3: Governments that contributed to the Trust Fund of the OPGA during the 73rd Session (in alphabetical order)

People's Republic of China	Principality of Monaco
Georgia	Republic of Cyprus
Hungary	Republic of Korea
India	Republic of Turkey
Ireland	Russian Federation
Italy	State of Kuwait
Japan	State of Qatar
Kingdom of Morocco	Sultanate of Oman
Nigeria	United Arab Emirates
Pakistan	
Portugal	

Annex 4: Official Travel

Prior to assuming office:

- **China and India**, 6 – 14 August 2018. The trip was supported by the Governments of China and India;
- **Japan**, 29 – 31 August 2018. The trip was supported by the Government of Japan;

From 18 September 2018 onward:

- **Switzerland and the Vatican**, 22 – 31 October 2018. Audience with His Holiness Pope Francis on youth, migrants and refugees, the role of women in society and the Ethics in Action Initiative on decent work and to visit to UN system entities in Rome. The trip was supported by the UN regular budget;
- **France**, 8-13 November 2018, to participate in the Commemoration of the Armistice centenary and Paris Peace Forum; to meet with the President and heads of international organizations on multilateralism; to meet with the Council of the OECD; and to meet female refugees and migrants. The trip was supported by the OPGA Trust Fund;
- **Canada**, 25-26 November 2018, to meet with the Prime Minister; as well as with National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations on indigenous peoples' engagement in the United Nations. The trip was supported by the OPGA Trust Fund;
- **Poland**, 30 November – 3 December 2018, to participate in Global Leaders Forum and the 24th Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. The trip was supported by the OPGA Trust Fund;
- **Morocco**, 7–12 December 2018, to participate in the Intergovernmental Conference for the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. The trip was supported by the Kingdom of Morocco and the OPGA Trust Fund. **Qatar**, 13 – 16 December 2018 to participate in the 18th Doha Forum “Reimagining Governance in a Multipolar World”. The trip was supported by the State of Qatar;
- **Pakistan**, 18-22 January 2019, for bilateral meetings, dialogue with Women Parliamentary Caucus. PGA delivered lecture on the “Relevance of the UN in the contemporary world order” at the Institute of Strategic Studies. The trip was supported by Pakistan and the OPGA Trust Fund; **Oman**, 22-25 January 2019 to deliver lecture on the role of the General Assembly in the maintenance of peace and security at the National Defence College and for bilateral meetings with Government and members of the Omani Women Association. The trip was supported by the Government of the Sultanate of Oman;
- **United Arab Emirates**, 9-12 February 2019, to participate in World Government Summit plenary, focused on the future of multilateralism and the Climate Action Forum. The trip was supported by the United Arab Emirates;
- **Switzerland**, 24-26 February 2019 to address the High-Level Segment of the 40th Session of the UN Human Rights Council. The trip was supported by the OPGA Trust Fund;
- **Belgium**, 2-5 March 2019 to address to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament and the Political and Security Committee of the European Union and meet EU leaders. The trip was supported by the Trust Fund of the Office of the President of the General Assembly; **Finland**, 5-7 March 2019 to participate in closing of the First International Symposium on Youth Participation in Peace Processes; Meetings with Government, Parliament, youth leaders and a trade union on decent work and the future of work, and on UN Security Council resolutions on youth, peace and security. The trip was supported by the Republic of Finland;
- **Argentina**, 20-22 March 2019 to participate in the Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation. The trip was supported by the Government of Argentina and the OPGA Trust Fund;
- **Mexico**, 1-3 April 2019 to hold meetings with Government representatives and UN resident coordinators for Mexico and Central America on the rights of women, migrants and indigenous peoples. The trip was supported by the OPGA Trust Fund; **Cuba**, 3-6 April 2019 to meet with Government representatives and UN officials on peace and security in the region, strengthening multilateralism, international cooperation

on sustainable development. The trip was supported by the Trust Fund of the Office of the President of the General Assembly;

- **Chad**, 4-6 May 2019 to meet with meetings with Government, UN, civil society and youth representatives to discuss the priorities of the 73rd session in relation to the challenges around the Lake Chad Basin, and to promote sustainable development and peace and security in the region. The trip was supported by the OPGA Trust Fund; **Nigeria**, 6-8 May 2019 to deliver Lecture on multilateralism and the role of Africa at the University of Abuja and for bilateral meetings. The trip was supported by the OPGA Trust Fund; **Ghana**, 8-11 May 2019 to deliver lecture at the Council on Foreign Relations in Accra on global challenges in a fast-changing world and for bilateral meetings with the President of Ghana and King Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, King of the Ashanti of Ghana. The trip was supported by the OPGA Trust Fund.
- **The Holy See**, 26 – 28 May 2019, to speak at the Pontifical Academy with leading figures from the fields of science, engineering and policy-making about the Sustainable Development Goals and climate change. The trip was supported by the OPGA Trust Fund;
- **Antigua and Barbuda**, 31 May-2 June 2019 to participate in the #PlayItOut festival, as part of President's campaign to beat plastic pollution and to support in finalizing the Caribbean Action Plan on Plastics. The trip was supported by the OPGA Trust Fund;
- **Switzerland**, 9-11 June 2019 to participate in the 108th International Labour Conference. The trip was supported by the Trust Fund of the Office of the President of the General Assembly;
- **China**, 16-20 June 2019 for bilateral meetings with Government representatives on strengthening multilateralism, climate action, gender parity and empowerment of persons with disabilities. The trip was supported by the Government of the People's Republic of China; **Portugal**, 20-23 June 2019 to participate in the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth 2019 and Youth Forum (Lisboa+21). The trip was supported by the Government of Portugal and the OPGA Trust Fund;
- **Egypt**, 2-5 July 2019 to deliver lecture on multilateralism at Cairo University and hold discussion at the National Council of Women on "Empowerment of women: challenges and opportunities". The trip was supported by the Government of Egypt and the OPGA Trust Fund;
- **Jordan**, 21-24 July for bilateral meetings and visit to Zaatari Refugee Camp. The trip was supported by the OPGA Trust Fund; **The Russian Federation** 28-31 July 2019 for bilateral meetings and discussion with academia and think tanks at the Valdai Club. The trip was supported by the Government of Russia and the OPGA Trust Fund;
- **The United Kingdom**, 4-7 August 2019 to address 5000 youth leaders at the 175th anniversary of the YMCA; to open the first academic center in the UK dedicated United Nations studies at the University of Buckingham; and to hold bilateral meetings with Government.. The trip was supported by YMCA and the OPGA Trust Fund, **Bolivia**, 8- 9 August 2019 to deliver closing speech at a march to promote gender equality and tackle violence against women and femicide and a lecture at the University Católica Boliviana on contemporary global challenges, also for bilateral meetings. The trip was supported by the Government of Bolivia and the OPGA Trust Fund;
- **Austria**, 22- 25 August 2019, to participate in the European forum Alpbach, also, the event to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the foundation of the Vienna International Centre, UNHQ in Vienna and for bilateral meetings with UN Agencies and Government Officials. The trip was supported by the Government of Austria and the OPGA Trust Fund;
- **Salt Lake City, USA**, 27- 29 August 2019 to participate in the 68th UN Civil Society Conference. The trip was supported by the OPGA Trust Fund;
- **Bled, Slovenia**, 1-3 September, to participate in the 2019 Bled Strategic Forum and for bilateral meetings. The trip was supported by the Government of Slovenia and the OPGA Trust Fund. **The Netherlands**, 3-4 September, to participate in the Second World Meeting of the Societies of International Law and for bilateral meetings. The trip was supported by the Trust Fund of the Office of the President of the General Assembly.

Annex 5: List of High-level meetings during the 73rd session:

	Date	High-level Meetings	Mandate	Outcome, summary
1.	24.09.2018	The high-level meeting of the General Assembly known as the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit	A/RES/72/243 and decision 72/564 B	Political Declaration A/RES/73/1
2.	26.09.2018	The High-level plenary meeting to commemorate and promote the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons	A/RES/72/251	--
3.	26.09.2018	The high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the fight against tuberculosis	A/RES/72/268 and decision 72/565 B	Political Declaration A/RES/73/3
4.	27.09.2018	The high-level meeting of the General Assembly to undertake a comprehensive review of the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases	A/RES/72/274	Political Declaration A/RES/73/2
5.	04.12.2018	The High-level Meeting to discuss the gaps and challenges of middle-income countries in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	A/RES/72/230	Recommendations sent to the SG
6.	18.12.2018	The High-level plenary meeting to mark the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms	A/RES/72/247	A/73/PV.59
7.	01.02.2019	The High-level event of the General Assembly for the global launch of the International Year of Indigenous Languages	A/RES/73/156	-
8.	27.02.2019	The High-Level Debate on International Migration and Development	A/RES/73/241	PGA summary
9.	12.03.2019	The High-Level Event on “Women in Power” in the margins of CSW63 session	PGA73 initiative	<u>Call for Action</u>
10.	10.04.2019	The High-level plenary meeting on “Future of Work” to commemorate the one-hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the International Labour Organization	A/RES/73/282	PGA summary to feed into HLPF
11.	24.04.2019	The High-level plenary meeting to commemorate and promote the International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace	A/RES/73/127	PGA summary; A/73/PV.78-79
12.	28.04.2019	The High-level meeting on the theme "Climate and Sustainable Development for All"	A/RES/73/232; A/RES/72/219	PGA summary
13.	14.05.2019	The High-level thematic debate on the issue of inclusive development and inequality within and among countries	A/RES/72/141; A/RES/73/141	PGA summary to HLPF
14.	16.05.2019	The High-level meeting on International Cooperation to Combat Illicit Financial Flows and Strengthen Good Practices on Assets Return to Foster Sustainable Development	A/RES/72/207 A/RES/73/222	PGA summary
15.	21.05.2019	The High-level event on the theme “Culture and sustainable development”	A/RES/72/229	PGA summary
16.	06.06.2019	The High-Level Debate on the Role of Regional Organizations in Strengthening and Implementing Crime Prevention Initiatives and Criminal Justice Responses	A/RES/73/186	President’s summary of the discussion transmitted to the Commission on Crime

				Prevention and Criminal Justice and to all Member States
17.	12.06.2019	The High-Level Luncheon on Disability-Inclusive Development in the margins of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	PGA73 initiative	PGA summary
18.	16.07.2019	The High-level plenary meeting to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development	A/RES/73/303	PGA summary; A/73/PV.99
19.	09.09.2019	The High-level meeting to commemorate and promote the International Day against Nuclear Tests	A/RES/72/51	A/73/PV.104
20.	13.09.2019	The High-Level Forum to observe the 20th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace	A/RES/73/126	PGA summary

Preparations for the high-level meetings during the high-level week in September 2019

	Date	High-level Meeting	Mandate	Outcome
1.	23.09.2019	The High-level meeting on Universal Health Coverage	A/RES/72/139 A/RES/73/131	Political Declaration
2.	24.09.2019 – 25.09.2019	The high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the General Assembly (SDG Summit)	A/RES/67/290 and decision 73/522	Political Declaration
3.	25.09.2019	The high-level commemorative event to mark the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child	A/RES/73/301	--
4.	26.09.2019	The high-level Dialogue of the General Assembly on Financing for Development	A/RES/69/313 and decision 73/522	--
5.	26.09.2019	The high-level meeting to Commemorate and Promote the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons	A/RES/72/251 and decision 73/522	--
6.	27.09.2019	The high-level meeting to review progress made in addressing the priorities of small island developing States through the implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway	A/RES/71/225 and decision 73/522	Political Declaration

Annex 6: Links to the quarterly reports, and PGA summaries of the high-level meetings and events

- Synopsis of the General Debate of the 73rd session - <https://www.un.org/pga/73/2018/11/05/synopsis-of-the-general-debate-of-the-73rd-session/>;
- Synopsis of the Main Part of the 73rd Session of the General Assembly - <https://www.un.org/pga/73/2019/01/11/synopsis-of-the-main-part-of-the-73rd-session-of-the-general-assembly/>;
- Summary Report of the Work of the GA January-March 2019 - <https://www.un.org/pga/73/2019/04/05/summary-report-of-the-work-of-the-ga-january-march-2019/>;
- Quarterly Summary (April-June 2019) - <https://www.un.org/pga/73/2019/07/08/quarterly-summary-april-june-2019/>;
- Final Quarterly Report - <https://www.un.org/pga/73/2019/09/13/final-quarterly-report/>;
- Summary of the High-level Event on Women in Power - <https://www.un.org/pga/73/2019/04/05/summary-of-the-high-level-event-on-women-in-power/>;
- Group of Gender Equality Leaders - <https://www.un.org/pga/73/2019/08/14/group-of-gender-equality-leaders-2/>;
- Summary of the High-level Meeting on “The future of work” - <https://www.un.org/pga/73/2019/05/13/summary-of-the-high-level-meeting-on-the-future-of-work/>;
- Summary of the High-level meeting on Middle Income Countries - <https://www.un.org/pga/73/event/development-cooperation-in-middle-income-countries/>
- Summary of the High-level Event on Climate and Sustainable Development for All - <https://www.un.org/pga/73/event/climate-and-sustainable-development-for-all/>;
- Summary of the High-Level Event on “Culture and Sustainable Development” - <https://www.un.org/pga/73/event/culture-and-sustainable-development/>;
- Summary of UHC multistakeholder hearing - <https://www.un.org/pga/73/wp-content/uploads/sites/53/2019/03/UHC-Hearing-Program-v27.4-PDF-1.pdf>;
- Summary of the Interactive Dialogue on Commodity Markets - <https://www.un.org/pga/73/2019/07/03/summary-of-the-interactive-dialogue-on-commodity-markets/>;
- Summary of the International Cooperation to Combat Illicit Financial Flows and Strengthen Good Practices on Assets Returns -<https://www.un.org/pga/73/2019/07/09/international-cooperation-to-combat-illicit-financial-flows-and-strengthen-good-practices-on-assets-returns/>;
- Summary of the Informal Interactive Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace: <https://www.un.org/pga/73/2019/06/25/summary-of-the-informal-interactive-dialogue-on-peacebuilding-and-sustaining-peace/>;
- Summary of the High-level Debate on Addressing Inequality - <https://www.un.org/pga/73/2019/06/25/summary-of-the-high-level-debate-on-addressing-inequality/>;
- Summary of the High-level Luncheon on Disability - <https://www.un.org/pga/73/2019/07/01/summary-of-the-high-level-luncheon-on-disability/>
- Summary of the High-Level Meeting on the International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace – <https://www.un.org/pga/73/2019/05/24/summary-of-the-high-level-meeting-on-the-international-day-of-multilateralism-and-diplomacy-for-peace/>;

- **Summary of the Interactive Dialogue on Youth, Peace and Security -**
<https://www.un.org/pga/73/2019/05/24/summary-of-the-interactive-dialogue-on-youth-peace-and-security/>;
- **Summary of the Informal Hearing on Indigenous Peoples -**
<https://www.un.org/pga/73/2019/05/20/summary-of-the-informal-hearing-on-indigenous-peoples/>
- **Summary of Joint Briefing of the Presidents of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council -** <https://www.un.org/pga/73/2019/02/21/summary-of-joint-briefing-of-the-presidents-of-the-general-assembly-and-the-economic-and-social-council/>;
- **Summary of the High-Level Debate on International Migration and Development -**
<https://www.un.org/pga/73/2019/02/25/high-level-debate-on-international-migration-and-development-3/>;
- **Commemoration of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development -** <https://www.un.org/pga/73/2019/08/01/commemoration-of-the-twenty-fifth-anniversary-of-the-international-conference-on-population-and-development/>;
- **From Global Issues to Local Priorities -** <https://www.un.org/pga/73/2019/03/25/from-global-issues-to-local-priorities/>

Events convened by the President of the General Assembly

Gender Balance Count

September

- **Nelson Mandela Peace Summit.**

GENDER BALANCE		
	Women	Men
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. President of the General Assembly, H.E. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garces 2. H.E. Ms. Graça Machel, member of the Elders 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary-General 2. H.E. Mr. Moussa Faki, Chairperson of the African Union 3. H.E. Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa 4. H.E Mr. Leo Varadkar, Primer Minister of Ireland 5. Mr. Kumi Naidoo, Secretary General of Amnesty International
Total	2	5

- **High level meeting on the fight to end tuberculosis**

GENDER BALANCE		
	Women	Men
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. President of the General Assembly, H.E. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garces 2. H.E. Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General 3. H.E. Dr. Veronika Skvortsova, Minister of Health of the Russian Federation, Chair of WHO Global Ministerial Conference on Tuberculosis 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization 2. H.E. Dr. Aaron Motsoaledi, Minister of health of South Africa, Chair of Stop TB Partnership 3. H.E. Mr. Muhammadu Buhari, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Professor Peng Liyuan, First Lady of China, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS 5. Ms. Nandita Venkatesan, TB Survivor, India 6. Ms. Henrietta Fore, Executive Director, UNICEF 7. H.E. Ms. Nila Moeloek, Minister of Health of the Republic of Indonesia 8. Mrs. Aisha Buhari, UNAIDS Special Ambassador, Ambassador of the Stop TB Partnership and First Lady of Nigeria 9. Ms. Annette Dixon, Vice President for Human Development, World Bank Group 10. Dr. Khuat Thi Hai Oanh, Executive Director, Supporting Community Development Initiatives 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. H.E. Mr. David Sergeenko, Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia 5. Mr. Bill Gates, Co-chair, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation 6. Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, Founder and Chairperson, BRAC 7. Dr. Jeremiah Chakaya Muhwa, President, International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union) 8. H.E. Mr. Molwyn Joseph, Minister of Health and Environment of Antigua and Barbuda 9. Mr. Peter Sands, Executive Director, The Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria 10. Mr. Lelio Marmora, Executive Director, Unitaid 11. Rt Hon Nick Herbert CBE MP, Co-chairman, Global TB Caucus 	
Total	10	11

• **Third UN High level meeting on Non-communicable Diseases**

GENDER BALANCE	
Women	Men
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. President of the General Assembly, H.E. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garcés 2. H.E. Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General 3. HRH Princess Dina Mired of Jordan, President Elect of the Union for International Cancer Control 4. Sania Nishtar, Founding President of NGO Heartfile 5. Zoleka Mandela, Global Ambassador, Child Health Initiative 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Tabare Vazquez, President of Uruguay, Co-chair of WHO Independent High-level Commission on NCDs 2. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization 3. H. E. Mr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia 4. H. E. Mr. Timothy Harris, Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. H. E. Ms. Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Health of Canada 7. Dr Natalia Kanem, Executive Director, UNFPA 8. Ms Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General, FAO 9. Ms. Gerda Verburg, Coordinator, Scaling-Up Nutrition Movement 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Michael Bloomberg, WHO Global Ambassador for NCDs, Founder of Bloomberg Philanthropies 6. Yoshitake Yokokura, President, World Medical Association 7. H. E. Mr. Christopher Tufton, Minister of Health of Jamaica 8. Sir Trevor Hassell, President, Healthy Caribbean Coalition 9. H. E. Mr. Adalberto Campos Fernandes, Minister of Health of Portugal
Total	9

- **Interactive, multi-stakeholder hearing on universal health coverage (UHC)**

GENDER BALANCE	
Women	Men
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. President of the General Assembly, H.E. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garces 2. H.E. Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General 3. Ms. Adaora Okoli, Health for All Story Teller & Ebola Survivor 4. Ms. Femi Oke 5. Ms. Amnda Glassman, Chief Operation Officer, Center for Global Development, Global Sustainable Report 2019 Expert Group 6. Ms. Khuat Thi Hai Oanh, Executive Director, Centre for Supporting Community Development Initiatives/ CSEM Advisory Group 7. Ms. Zain Verjee 8. Ms. Harriet Adong, Executive Director, Foundation for Integrated Rural Development/ CSEM Advisory Group 9. Ms. Batool Al-Wahdani, President, International Federation of Medical Students' Association 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Mr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization 2. Mr. Githinji Gitani, Co-chair, UNC2030/CEO, Amref Health Africa Foundation 3. Mr. Srinath Reddy, President, Public Health Foundation 4. Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary-General, Inter-Parliamentary Union 5. Mr. Monthian Buntan, Chairperson of the Division of the International Relations and Special Affairs, Disabilities Thailand Associations 6. Mr. Justin Koonin, President, ACON/CSEM Advisory Group 7. H.E. Mr. Kaha Imnadze, Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations 8. H.E. Mr. Vitavas Srivihok. Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations

10. Ms. Belinda Batzin, Tutora en Ciudadanía por la Salud, Centro de Estudios para la Equidad y Gobernanza En los Sistemas de Salud		
11. Ms. Midori de Habich, Economist/Forme Minister of Health, Peru		
12. Ms. Aida Kurtovic, Chair of the Board, The Global Fund		
13. Ms. Carmen Villar, Vice President Social Business Innovation at Merck & Co. / Private Sector Constituency for UHC		
Total	13	8

October

- **Informal Meeting of the General Assembly Plenary on the Impact of Rapid Technological Change on the Achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals**

GENDER BALANCE		
	Women	Men
	1. President of the General Assembly, H.E. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garces	1. Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic Coordination, Fabrizio Hochschild
	2. Director of the Division on Technology and Logistics, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Shamika Sirimanne	2. Presentation of the Conclusions of the Co-Chairs of the STI Forum by H.E. Juan Sandoval Mendiola, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations
	3. Sustainable Development Officer, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Stephanie Rambler	
	4. Senior Economist, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Mariangela Parra-Lancourt	
Total	4	2

- **High-level meeting on the Twentieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms**

GENDER BALANCE		
	Women	Men
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. President of the General Assembly, H.E. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garces 2. H.E. Ms. Michelle Bachelet, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; 3. H.E. Ms. Ine Eriksen Sørreide, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway; 4. Ms. Hina Jilani, Advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan, Member of The Elders; 5. Ms. Alice Mogwe, Director of Ditshwanelo - The Botswana Center for Human Rights; 6. Ms. Florence Simbiri Jaoko, Special Envoy, Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) and former Chair of Kenya's National Human Rights Institution. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary-General 2. Mr. Michel Forst, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders
Total	6	2

February

- **High-Level Event to Launch of the International Year of Indigenous Languages**

GENDER BALANCE		
	Women	Men
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. President of the General Assembly, H.E. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garces 2. Ms. Aili Keskitalo, President, Sami Parliament, Norway 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Mr. Evo Morales, President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia 2. H.E. Mr. Gabriel Cisneros, Vice-Minister of Culture and Heritage of Ecuador 3. Mr. Akile Ch'oh, Grand Chief Edward John, Tl'azt'en Nation and First Nations Summit 4. Mr. Liu Zhenmin Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs 5. Ernesto Ottone Ramirez, Assistant Director-General for culture, UNESCO
Total	2	5

- **From Global Issues to Local Priorities: The role of Cities in the Global Agenda, including Cities for Sustainable Development, Food Security, Nutrition and Climate Change**

GENDER BALANCE		
	Women	Men
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. President of the General Assembly, H.E. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garces 2. Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme 3. Ms. Penny Abeywardena, New York City Commissioner for International Affairs 4. Ms. Emilia Saiz, Secretary-General of the United Cities and Local Governments 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Jose Graziano da Silva, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) 2. Mr. Mauricio Rodas Espinel, Mayor of the Metropolitan District of Quito 3. Mr. Oscar Humberto Evora Santos, President of the Municipal Chamber of Praia

5. Ms. Shipra Narang Suri, Coordinator, Urban Planning and Design Branch, UN-Habitat	4. Mr. Joan Ribo, Mayor of Valencia
6. Ms. Tri Rismaharini, Mayor of Surabaya	5. Mr. Mike Sonko, Governor of Nairobi
7. Ms. Eugenie L. Birch, Professor of Urban Research and Education, University of Pennsylvania	6. Mr. Enrique Yeves, Director, Office for Corporate Communications (FAO)
Total	6

• **High-Level Debate on International Migration and Development**

GENDER BALANCE	
Women	Men
1. President of the General Assembly, H.E. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garces	1. H.E. Mr. Santiago Javier Chavez Pareja, Chair of the GFMD 2019, Vice Minister for Human Mobility of Ecuador
2. H.E. Ms. Valentine Rugwabiza, Permanent Representative of Rwanda	2. Mr. António Vitorino, Director-General of the International Organization for Migration
3. Ms. Roula Hamati, Insan Association and Civil Society Chair for GFMD	3. H. E. Mr. Md. Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary, Government of Bangladesh
4. Ms. Marion Barthelemy, Director, Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)	4. Mr. Roberto Suárez Santos, the Secretary General of the International Organization of Employers
5. Ms Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	5. H.E. Mr. Agustín Santos Maraver, Permanent Representative of Spain
6. Ms. Henriette Geiger, Director for People and Peace Directorate General for Development and Cooperation of the European Commission (DG DEVCO)	
7. Ms. Alexis Bautista of Migrant Forum in Asia, Global Coalition on Migration	
Total	5

● **Annual Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations Emerging Challenges to Multilateralism: A Parliamentary Response**

GENDER BALANCE	
Women	Men
1. President of the General Assembly, H.E. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garces	1. Mr. Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary-General
2. Ms Gabriela Cuevas Barron, President of IPU	2. Mr. Peter Beyer, MP, German Bundestag
3. Ms Ravza Kavakci Kan, MP, Grand National Assembly of Turkey	3. Ambassador Luis Gallegos, Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations
4. Ms Hege Liadal, MP, Parliament of Norway	4. Mr. Charles Chauvel, Team Leader, Inclusive Political Processes, Governance and Peacebuilding, UNDP
5. Ambassador Milica Pejanovic-Duriscic, Permanent Representative of Montenegro to the United Nations	5. Mr. Richard Gowan, Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, United Nations University
6. Ambassador Elizabeth Cousens, Deputy CEO, UN Foundation	6. Mr. Brian Heilman, Senior Research Officer, Promundo
7. Ms Asa Regner, Deputy Executive Director – UN Women	7. Mr. Miroslav Jenca, Assistant Secretary General for Europe, Central Asia and the Americas, Department of Political Affairs, United Nations
8. Ms Ana Maria Menendez, Senior Advisor of the Secretary-General on Policy	8. Mr. Peter Yeo, President, Better World Campaign
9. Ms Cecilia Widegren, MP, Riksdagen of Sweden	9. Senator Farooq Hamid Naek Senate of Pakistan
10. Ms Karin Landgren, Executive Director, Security Council Report	10. Ambassador Michal Mlynar, Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the United Nations, co-chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly
11. Ms Elmira Bayrasli, Editor Foreign Policy Interrupted, Bard College	11. Mr. Jose Ignacio Echaniz, MP, Chamber of Deputies of Spain
12. Ms Safa Al-Hashim, MP, National Assembly of Kuwait	12. Mr. Marc Andre Franche, Chief, Financing for Peace Building, United Nations
13. Ambassador Gillian Bird, Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations, Chair of the 5th Committee of the General Assembly (Budget)	13. Senator Scott Ryan, Speaker, Senate of Australia
14. Ambassador Sima Sami Bahous, Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations, Co-chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group on GA revitalization	
15. Dr. Paige Arthur, Deputy Director, Center on International Cooperation, New York University	
16. Ms Luise Rurup, Director Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)	

17. Senator Susan Kihika, Senate of Kenya, Chair of the IPU Women's Forum	14. Mr. David Bollier, Director, Reinventing the Commons Program, Schumacher Center for a New Economics
Total	17
	14

March

- **Informal High Level Event of the 73rd General Assembly on Women in Power**

GENDER BALANCE	
Women	Men
1. President of the General Assembly, H.E. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garces	1. Mr. Antonio Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General
2. H. E. Ms. Geraldine Byrne Nason, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women	2. H. E. Alain Berset, Federal Councillor, Head of the Federal Department of Home Affairs, Switzerland
3. Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director, UN Women	3. Richard Liu, Anchor MSNBC
4. H. E. Dalia Grybauskaitė, President of Lithuania	
5. Rt. Hon. Bidya Devi Bhandari, President of Nepal	
6. H. E. Paula-Mae Weekes O.R.T.T., President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago	
7. H. E. Marta Lucía Ramírez, Vice-President of the Republic of Colombia	
8. H. E. Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission	
9. H.E. Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of the Republic of Malta	
10. Shery Ahn, Anchor, Bloomberg TV	
11. H. E. Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović, President of Croatia	

12. H. E. Mrs. Kersti Kaljulaid, President of the Republic of Estonia	
13. H. E. Katrín Jakobsdóttir, Prime Minister of Iceland	
14. H. E. Dr. Diene Keita, Minister for Cooperation and African Integration, Republic of Guinea	
15. H. E. Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister of New Zealand	
16. Folly Bah Thibault, Principal Presenter, Al Jazeera	
17. H. E. Mary Robinson, President of the Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice and Chair of the Elders	
18. H. E. Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, Chairperson of Qatar Museums	
19. H. E. Marina Pendeš, Minister of Defence, Bosnia and Herzegovina	
20. Ms. Muniba Mazari, Artist, Speaker, Humanitarian, Television Anchor and National Goodwill Ambassador for UN Women Pakistan	
Total	3

• **High-level Meeting on Climate and Sustainable Development for All: Protection of the Global Climate for Present and Future Generations of Humankind in the Context of the Economic, Social and Environmental Dimensions of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

GENDER BALANCE	
Women	Men
1. President of the General Assembly, H.E. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garces	1. United Nations Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres
2. Ms. Sheddon Richardson, Youth Representative from Grenada	2. H.E. Rt. Hon. Josaia Voréqe Bainimarama (Prime Minister of Fiji – COP23 President)
3. H.E. Ms. Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary of UNFCCC	

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. H.E. Ms. Carolina Schmidt, Minister of Environment of Chile 5. H.E. Ms. Martha Delgado, Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights of Mexico 6. H.E. Ms. Mary Robinson, Chair of The Elders Group, Former President of Ireland 7. Ms. Krishnee Appadoo, Youth Representative (Mauritius) 8. H.E. Dr. Yassmin Salah Eldin Fouad Abdelaziz, Minister of Environment of Egypt 9. H.E. Ms. Eva Svedling, Secretary of State, Ministry of Environment and Energy of Sweden 10. Ms. Marilyn Ceci, Managing Director, Head of Green Bonds, J.P. Morgan 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. H.E. Mr. Michał Kurtyka (Secretary of State, Ministry of Energy and Environment of Poland) 4. H.E. Dr. Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, Minister for Climate Change and Environment of the United Arab Emirates 5. Mr. Manish Bapna, Executive Vice President of the World Resources Institute 6. H.E. Dr. Hussain Rasheed Hassan, Minister of Environment of the Maldives 7. Mr. Javier Manzanares, Executive Director a.i. of the Green Climate Fund 8. H.E. Luis Alfonso de Alba, UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for the 2019 Climate Action Summit 	
Total	10	8

April

- **High Level Event of the 73rd General Assembly on the Future of Work Organized on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the International Labour Organization – ILO**

GENDER BALANCE	
Women	Men
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garces, President of the General Assembly 2. H.E. Ms. Inga Rhonda King – Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and President of the Economic and Social Council 3. Ms. Sharan Burrow – General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation 4. Ms. Jolly Amatya – Secretariat of United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations 2. Mr. Guy Ryder – Director-General of the International Labour Organization 3. Mr. Erol Kiresepi – President of the International Organisation of Employers 4. H.E. Mr. Jean-Claude Juncker – President of the European Commission

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Ms. Reema Nanavaty – Self Employed Women's Association - SEWA, India 6. Ms. Zain Asher – CNN International 7. H.E. Ms. Anniken Hauglie, Minister of Labour of Norway 8. Ms. Winnie Byanyima – CEO, Oxfam 9. Ms. Laura Ripani – Principal Specialist at the Labor Markets Division, InterAmerican Development Bank 10. H.E. Ms. Anniken Hauglie – Minister of Labour of Norway 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Mr. Steven Greenhouse – Author, Former Labor and Workplace Reporter, New York Times 6. H.E. Mr. Ernesto Murro – Minister of Labour, Uruguay 7. Mr. Mthunzi Mdwaba – CEO, TZoro IBC 8. Mr. Jeffrey D. Sachs – Director of the Center for Sustainable Development, Columbia University 9. Mr. Ángel Gurría – Secretary-General, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) 10. Mr. Rob Acker – CEO, Salesforce.org
Total	10
	10

- **Interactive Dialogue on Harmony with Nature, commemorating the 10th International Earth Day**

GENDER BALANCE	
Women	Men
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Ms. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garces 2. H.E. Ms. Cynthia Silva Maturana, Deputy Minister of Environment, Biodiversity, Climate Change and Forest Management and Development of Bolivia 3. Ms. Markie Miller, Organizer, Lake Erie Bill of Rights, USA 4. Ms. Silvia Bagni, Expert on Constitutional Law and Comparative Public Law, Italy 5. Ms. Elizabeth Macpherson, Senior Lecturer, University of Canterbury School of Law, New Zealand 6. Ms. Gabriela Eslava, Lawyer and Researcher, Dejusticia, Colombia 7. Ms. Valérie Cabanes, Expert on International Law and Human Rights, France 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Mr. Mr. Syed Akbaruiddin, Permanent Representative of India 2. H.E. Mr. Luis Gallegos Chiriboga, Permanent Representative of Ecuador 3. H.E. Mr. Masud Bin Momen, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh 4. Mr. Alessandro Pelizzon, Senior Lecturer, Southern Cross University, New South Wales, Australia 5. Mr. Ivan Zambrana, Executive Director of the Plurinational Authority of Mother Earth, Bolivia 6. Mr. Thomas Egli, CEO of the Geneva Forum at the UN & Founder of Objectif Sciences International, Switzerland

8. H.E. Ms. Delphine Batho, MP National Assembly, President of Génération Ecologie, France	7. Mr. Liam Sy Paquemar, Artist, World Council of Peoples for the United Nations (WCPUN)
	8. Mr. Freddy Delgado, Director of the Pluricultural Andean-Amazon Community for Sustainability, Bolivia
	9. Mr. Luis Armando Tolosa Villabona, Judge of Colombia's Supreme Court of Justice and Professor of Law
Total	8
	9

- **Informal Interactive Hearing with Indigenous Peoples**

GENDER BALANCE	
Women	Men
1. H.E. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the General Assembly	1. Mr. Adelfo Regino Montes, Director-General of the National Institute for Indigenous Peoples in Mexico
2. Ms Anne Nuorgam, Chair of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues	2. Hereditary Chief Akile Ch'oh Grand Chief Edward John, Tl'azt'en Nation/First Nations Summit
3. Dr. Claire Charters, Professor of Law, University of Auckland and former advisor to the PGA on Indigenous peoples' participation	3. H.E. Kai Sauer, Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations in New York
4. Dr. Mariam Wallet Aboubakrine, Expert Member of UNFPII, Africa Region	4. Mr. Royal /Ui/o//oo, Deputy Minister for Marginalized Communities Namibia
5. Ms Vicky Tauli Corpuz, Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples	
6. Ms Aili Keskitalo, President, Sami Parliament	
7. Ms Tania Pariona, Congresista de la República del Perú	
8. Andrea Carmen, Executive Director, International Indian Treaty Council	
Total	4
8	

May

• **High-level Event on Culture and Sustainable Development**

GENDER BALANCE	
Women	Men
1. H.E. Ms. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the General Assembly	1. H.E. Mr. Ernesto Ottone R., Assistant Director-General for Culture of UNESCO
2. H.E. Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of SEGIB	2. H.E. Hon. Mr. Ralph Regenvanu, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Vanuatu
3. Ms. Nina-Maria Potts, Director, Feature Story News	3. H.E. Mr. Abdoul Karim Sango, Minister of Culture, Arts and Tourism, Burkina Faso
4. H.E. Ms. Olivia Grange, Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, Jamaica	4. H.E. Mr. Raul Pérez Torres, Minister of Culture and Heritage, Ecuador
5. H.E. Ms. María Julia Muñoz, Minister of Education and Culture, Uruguay	5. H.E. Mr. Abdoul Karim Sango, Minister of Culture, Arts and Tourism, Burkina Faso
6. H.E. Ms. Sheikha Al Mayassa Al-Thani, Chairperson of Qatar Museums, Qatar	6. H.E. Mr. Abel Prieto, Director, El Centro de Estudios Martianos, Cuba
7. H.E. Ms. Kamola Akilova, Vice-Minister of Culture, Uzbekistan	7. Mr. Teanau Tuiono, Project Coordinator, Māori Medium Publishing at CORE Education
8. Ms. Cecilia Guidote-Alvarez, Director, Earthsavers DREAMS, Philippines	8. Mr. Richard Armstrong, Director, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum and Foundation, USA
9. Ms. Nina-Maria Potts, Director, Feature Story News	9. H.E. Mr. Pablo Avelluto, Secretary of Culture, Argentina
10. Ms. Tarcila Rivera Zea, Founding President of CHIRAPAQ, Peru	10. H.E. Mr. Felipe Buitrago Restrepo, Presidential Advisor on Economic and Strategic Affairs, Colombia
11. Ms. Kate Arthurs, Director Arts, British Council, United Kingdom	11. Mr. Edo Hozic, Founding Director of artistic Project Biennale, Bosnia and Herzegovina
	12. H.E. Mr. Ernesto Ottone R., Assistant Director-General for Culture of UNESCO
Total	
11	12

- **Addressing Inequality Toward Inclusive Development**

GENDER BALANCE		
	Women	Men
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Ms. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garces, President of the General Assembly 2. H.E. Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations 3. Ms. Ghada Waly, Minister of Social Solidarity, the Arab Republic of Egypt, on behalf of G77 & China 4. Ms. Aparna Mehrotra, Director of UN System Coordination Division, UN 5. Ms. Sarah Cliffe, Director of NYU Center on International Cooperation 6. H.E. Ms. Ghada Waly, Minister of Social Solidarity, the Arab Republic of Egypt 7. Ms. Anousheh Karvar, Special Envoy to the International Labor Organization, France 8. H.E. Dr. Diani Sadiawati, Deputy Minister of National Development Planning on Institutional Relations, Indonesia 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice President, World Bank 2. Mr. Abdoulaye Mar Dieye, Assistant Secretary-General, Director of Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP 3. Mr. Dereje Wordofa, Deputy Executive Director, UNFPA 4. Mr. Vladimir Cuk, the Executive Director, the International Disability Alliance (IDA) 5. James Kenneth Galbraith, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas 6. H.E. Mr. Péter Szijjártó, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary. 7. Mr. Mario Cimoli, Deputy Executive Secretary, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) 8. Professor Sanjay Reddy, New School 9. Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under Secretary-General, DESA
Total	8	9

• **Informal Interactive Dialogue on Commodity Markets**

GENDER BALANCE		
	Women	Men
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Ms. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garces, President of the General Assembly 2. Ms. Coke-Hamilton, Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD 3. Mrs. Raziye Bilge Koçyiğit Grba, Deputy Permanent Representative of Turkey 4. Ms. Carla Mucavi, Director of the FAO Liaison Office with the United Nations 5. Ms. Yanchun Zhang, Head, Commodities Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD – presenting the main report findings 6. Dr. Athaliah Lesiba Molokomme, Permanent representative of Botswana to the United Nations in Geneva 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. José Graziano da Silva, Director-General of FAO (Video-message) 2. Mr Rob Vos, Director of Markets, Trade and Institutions Division, IFPRI 3. Mr Fredrik Alfer, Chair of FAO Committee for Commodity Problems 4. Mr. Mario Cimoli, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean 5. Mr Ayodele Odusola, Chief Economist, UNDP African Bureau – short remarks 6. Mr. Fredrik Alfer, Chairperson of the FAO Committee on Commodity Problems 7. Mr. Róger Madrigal-López, Chief Economist of the Economic Division to the Central Bank of Costa Rica 8. Mr. Pedro Conceição Director, Director of Strategic Policy – Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP, New York 9. Mahmoud Mohieldin , Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda, United Nations Relations, and Partnerships of World Bank
Total	6	9

- **High-Level Meeting On “International Cooperation to Combat Illicit Financial Flows and Strengthen Good Practices on Asset Return”**

GENDER BALANCE	
Women	Men
1. H.E. Ms. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garces, President of the General Assembly	1. Mr. Yury Fedotov, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (Video message)
2. Ms. Inga Rhonda King, President of the Economic and Social Council	2. Mr. Víctor Martínez, Minister of Finance of Guatemala
3. Ms. Mary Butler, Criminal Division of the United States, Department of Justice	3. Mr. Jens Frolich Holte, Deputy Foreign Minister of Norway
4. Ms. Irene Ovonji-Odida, Independent Commission for the Reform of International Corporate Taxation Commissioner	4. Mr. Emmanuel Roux, Special Representative of Interpol to the United Nations
5. Ms. Chantal Line Carpentier, Chief of the UNCTAD New York Office of the Secretary General	5. Mr. Alvin Mosioma, Head of Tax Justice Network - Africa
6. Ms. Emile van der Does de Willebois, Coordinator StAR Initiative	6. Mr. Emile van der Does de Willebois, Coordinator StAR initiative
7. Ms. Elsa Gopala Krishnan, Officer of UNODC	7. Professor Bolaji Olufunmileyi Owasanoye, Chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission of Nigeria
8. Ms. Pooja Rangaprasad, Society for International Development, Policy and Advocacy Director	8. Dr. Alex Cobham, Executive Director of Tax Justice Network
Total	8

July

- **Informal meeting on Gender equality and women's leadership**

GENDER BALANCE	
Women	Men
1. H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the General Assembly	1. H.E. Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations
2. Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General	2. Mr. Guy Ryder, General Director of ILO
3. H.E. Mona Juul, Vice President of ECOSOC	
4. Ms. Helen Clark, Former Prime Minister of New Zealand	
5. Ms. Isabel Plá, Minister of Women and Gender Equality of Chile	
6. Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director of UN Women	
7. Ms Gabriela Cuevas Barrón, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union	
8. Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Ibero-American Secretary General	
9. Ms. Melanne Vermeer, Director Georgetown University Institute for Women, Peace and Security	
10. H.E. Valentine Rugwabiza, Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations	
11. Ms. Ana Afonso Dias Lourenço, First Lady of Angola	
12. Ms. Folly Bah Thibault, Principal Presenter, Al Jazeera English	
13. Ms Martha Delgado, Viceminister of Foreign Affairs Mexico	
14. Dr. Shirin Sharmi Chaudhury, Speaker Bangladesh Parliament	
15. Sofia Borges, Senior Vice President of UN Foundation	
Total	2

September

- **High-Level Plenary Meeting to Commemorate and Promote the International Day Against Nuclear Tests**

GENDER BALANCE		
	Women	Men
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H. E. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the General Assembly 2. Dr. Annika Thunborg, Ambassador of Sweden to Mexico and former Spokesperson of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear- Test-Ban Treaty - 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H. E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General, 2. Dr. Lassina Zerbo, Executive Secretary of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization.
Total	2	2

- **Women in Power - Call to Action & Women leaders - voices for change and inclusion: Joining forces and redoubling efforts to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment for all**

GENDER BALANCE		
	Women	Men
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa, President of UN General Assembly 2. Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director of UN Women 3. Ms. Susana Malcorra, Women Leaders - Voices for Change and Inclusion 4. Mrs. Josette Sheeran President and CEO of Asia Society 5. Ms. Isabel Saint Malo Former VicePresident and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Panama 6. Ms. Verlaine Diane Soobroydoo, Policy Adviser on Women, Peace and Security 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, President Elect of the 74GA 2. Mr. Michael Kauffman, White Ribbon Movement

	<p>Focal Person "African Women Leaders Network" Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union to the UN</p> <p>7. H.E Thilmeza Hussain, Permanent Representative of Maldives to the UN</p> <p>8. Ms Susan Papp Managing Director of Policy and Advocacy of Women Deliver</p> <p>9. H.E. Ambassador Darja Bavdaž Kuret, Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the UN</p> <p>10. H.E Katalin Bogyay, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the UN</p> <p>11. H.E. Alya Bint Ahmed Al Thani, Permanent Representative of Qatar to the UN</p> <p>12. Jacqueline O'Neill Ambassador for Women Peace and Security of Canada</p> <p>13. Ms. Annelies Verstichel, Permanent Mission of Belgium.</p>	
Total	13	2

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GENDER BALANCE	
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the 73rd Session of the UN General Assembly 2. H.E. Gabriela Cuevas Barron, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union 3. H.E. Adela Raz, Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations 4. H.E. Jacqueline O'Neill, Canada's Ambassador for Women, Peace and Security 5. H.E. Valentine Rugwabiza, Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations 2. H.E. Leymah Gbowee, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, 2011 3. His Royal Majesty Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, Asantehene (King of the Ashanti people of Ghana) 4. H.E. Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury, Founder of the Global Movement for the Culture of Peace 5. H.E. Miguel A. Moratinos, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations

6. H E. Nada Al-Nashif, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences	6. H.E. Francisco Rojas Aravena, Rector, University for Peace 7. H.E. Federico Mayor Zaragoza, Chairman of the Foundation for a Culture of Peace and former UNESCO Director-General	
Total	6	7

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Women	Men
207	162