



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

24 September 2019

Excellency,

Further to my letter, dated 18 July 2019, it is my pleasure to transmit herewith revised preliminary programme and information note for the High-level Commemorative Event of the General Assembly on the thirtieth anniversary of the Convention of the Rights of the Child. The event will be held on Wednesday, 25 September 2019, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Trusteeship Council Chamber, United Nations Headquarters, New York.

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

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Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

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



High-Level Commemorative Event of the General Assembly
“Thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child”
25 September 2019

Background

In the 30 years since the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), 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 is a moment for bold action to ensure we leave no child behind, and to support every child to reach their full potential in fulfilment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Children across the world have been recognized as individual rights-holders of those rights inherent to the human dignity of all people. Children have equally been recognized as having the right to special protections and safeguards from those that constitute the duty-bearers in their lives and communities. In commemoration of the convention, the General Assembly will convene for a one-hour High-Level Commemorative Event on 25 September 2019.

Objectives

The high-level commemorative event will involve the meaningful participation of children and will encourage member states to reflect on and renew their commitment to the Convention.

To this end, the event will provide an opportunity for the participants to:

- 1. Celebrate the meaningful milestones and successes of the Convention in transforming the lives of children for the past thirty years since its ratification;**
- 2. Acknowledge the challenges posed by the 21st century to the rights of a child in the form of, inter alia, climate change, rapid urbanization, exploitation of natural resources, protracted conflict and humanitarian crises, forced displacement, digitalization and mass connectivity and enduring multi-dimensional and inter-generational poverty with a profound impact on children’s’ rights and well-being.**
- 3. Reaffirm their commitment to full ratification and implementation of the Convention**

Format and Outcome

The high-level commemorative event will take place 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. In accordance with resolution ([A/73/301*](#)) the event will be addressed by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Executive Director of the United Nations Children’s Fund, and United Nations Children’s Fund Goodwill Ambassador Muzoon Almellehan.

High-level Representatives of Poland, as the initiator of the Convention of the Rights of the Child, and of the first Member State from each regional group to have ratified the Convention (Ghana, Ecuador, Sweden, Vietnam, Russian Federation) will address the event.

- Poland – Initiator of the Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Ghana – ratification on 5 February 1990
- Viet Nam – ratification on 28 February 1990
- Ecuador – ratification on 23 March 1990
- Sweden – ratification on 29 June 1990
- Russian Federation – ratification on 16 August 1990

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Opening

- 8:30 - 8:35 AM Address by H.E. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, President of the 74th Session of the UN General Assembly
- 8:35 - 8:40 AM Address by H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres, United Nations Secretary General
- 8:40 - 8:45 AM Address by Ms. Muzoon Almellehan, UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador
- 8:45 - 8:50 AM Address by Ms. Henrietta Fore, Executive Director of UNICEF

Plenary

- 8:50 – 8:55 AM Address by H.E. Andrzej Duda, President of Poland
- 8:55 – 9:00 AM Address by H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akuffo Addo, President of Ghana
- 9:00 – 9:05 AM Address by H.E. Stefan Lofven, Prime Minister of Sweden
- 9:05 – 9:10 AM Address by H.E. Jose Valencia Amores, Foreign Minister of Ecuador
- 9:10 – 9:15 AM Address by H.E. Sergey V. Vershinin, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
- 9:15 – 9:20 AM Address by H.E. Dang Dinh Quy, Permanent Representative of Vietnam
- 9:20 Close

Participants

In accordance with the resolution on the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Member States and Observers of the General Assembly are encouraged to be represented at the high-level commemorative event at the highest possible level.