



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

19 December 2019

Excellency,

I refer to General Assembly resolution entitled, “Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its contribution to sustainable development”, adopted on 19 December 2019, in particular its paragraph 13:

“ Requests the President of the General Assembly, within existing resources, to start preparations for the Summit in close collaboration with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and with the support of UNEP as well as other relevant UN entities, further requests the President to appoint as early as possible two co-facilitators, one each from a developing and a developed countries, by the end of 2019, for leading the preparatory process in an expedited matter, in consultation with States, including on the modalities of the Summit to be agreed by the General Assembly no later than March 2020, and invites the President to keep States updated on the developments in the process;”

I have the pleasure to inform of my decision to appoint H.E. Ms. Mariangela Zappia, Permanent Representative of Italy, and H.E. Mr. Rodrigo Alberto Carazo Zeledón, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica, as co-facilitators for this process. I would like to thank Ambassador Zappia and Ambassador Zeledón for accepting this very important responsibility. I trust that you will extend your full support and cooperation to them throughout the process.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'T' followed by a flourish and a circular mark.

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

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