



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

27 March 2020

Excellency,

Sequel to my letter dated 24 March 2020, transmitting a proposal enabling the General Assembly to adopt decisions during the COVID-19 pandemic, which was placed under silence procedure until 27 March 2020, at 12:00 p.m., it is my pleasure to inform you that the silence procedure has concluded without objections.

Accordingly, General Assembly decision 74/544 of 27 March 2020, entitled, “Procedure for taking decisions of the General Assembly during the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic” is considered adopted by the Assembly and is in effect from 12:01 p.m. today, Friday, 27 March 2020. We will take note of this decision at the next plenary meeting of the General Assembly to be held at the United Nations Headquarters.

Also find enclosed the comments received from Member States regarding the decision.

I avail of this opportunity to express my solidarity with Member States who are fighting COVID-19 and extend my sincere condolences for their loss.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive script that appears to read 'Tijjani Muhammad-Bande'.

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

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