



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

28 April 2020

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith, a letter from H.E. Ambassador Courtenay Rattray, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations, the facilitator for the e-voting process (excluding elections).

The letter invites Member States and Observers to participate in a virtual meeting on Friday, 1 May 2020, at 3:00 p.m. The meeting will discuss and explore ways of taking decisions in the General Assembly by vote (excluding elections), within the context of the current restrictions surrounding the holding of large in-person gatherings in plenary during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Information on how to join the virtual meeting will be provided in due course.

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 'T' followed by a flourish and a circular mark.

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

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



28th April 2020

Excellency,

I have the honour to write to you in my capacity as Facilitator on discussions by Member States to explore ways of taking decisions of the General Assembly by vote, within the context of the current restrictions surrounding the holding of large in-person gatherings in plenary during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

I express my appreciation to the President of the General Assembly for the trust and confidence placed in me to facilitate this process. I am committed to working closely with all Member States in this important endeavour.

I have the pleasure to invite Member States and Observers to a virtual presentation, on Friday, 1st May 2020, at 3:00 p.m., of the non-paper and other relevant documents circulated on 23rd April 2020 by the President of the General Assembly. An information note issuing guidance on how to join the virtual meeting will be provided in due course.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Rattray".

E. Courtenay Rattray, Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Jamaica
to the United Nations

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