



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2 April 2020

Subject: Draft resolution entitled “Declaration of solidarity of the United Nations in the face of the challenges posed by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)” (A/74/L.51)

Excellency,

Sequel to my letter dated 30 March 2020, placing under silence procedure, in accordance with 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”, the draft resolution entitled “Declaration of solidarity of the United Nations in the face of the challenges posed by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)”, issued as document A/74/L.51, under agenda item 126 [Global health and foreign policy], I am pleased to extend the deadline to Tuesday, 7 April 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

In light of the fact that the General Assembly, concluded the consideration of the aforementioned agenda item at its 44th plenary meeting, on 11 December 2019, it is necessary that the General Assembly also takes a procedural decision to reopen consideration of agenda item 126. Thus, this requisite procedural decision is also placed under the silence procedure referred to above.

I have been informed that the adoption of the draft resolution (A/74/L.51) would not give rise to any budgetary implications. Delegations wishing to make statements in explanations of position are invited to refer to the procedure annexed to this letter.

Objections to the draft resolution (A/74/L.51) should be done via a letter or Note Verbale addressed to the President of the General Assembly. Such correspondence should be sent via email to Xiaomei Li, Senior Adviser, at xiaomei.li@un.org.

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 long, sweeping horizontal line that curves upwards at the end, followed by a small, stylized mark.

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

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New York

ANNEX
Explanation of position

Member States wishing to make an explanation of position may do so in any of the following ways, without prejudice to the delegations' rights under the rules of procedure to explain their position at the first plenary meeting to be held in order for the General Assembly to take note of the decision after the cessation of the precautionary measures as soon as the circumstance allow:

- Option 1: Electronic versions of the statements in explanation of position will be posted on the [e-delegate](#) portal, under Plenary announcements. Please indicate the title of the draft decision/resolution in the subject line of the e-mail to be sent to Ms. Lourdes Quiogue (email : quiogue@un.org) in the General Assembly Affairs Branch.
- Option 2: Member States can address their communication to the President of the General Assembly (to be sent to Mari Skaare, Chef de Cabinet, mari.skaare@un.org), which can then be circulated in a subsequent letter from the President to all Member States. Please clearly indicate the title of the draft decision/resolution in the subject line of the communication.
- Option 3: Member States can also address a communication to the Secretary-General requesting the issuance of their communication.
 - Such communications should be addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires, a.i., of the permanent mission to the United Nations.
 - The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of current session of the Assembly.
 - A scanned copy of the original signed communications (PDF version) as well as their Microsoft Word versions should be sent together to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (sgcentral@un.org) with a copy to gaab@un.org and dms@un.org to facilitate processing. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included electronically with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.