20 April 2020

Subject: Draft resolution entitled “International cooperation to ensure global access to medicines, vaccines and medical equipment to face COVID-19” (A/74/L.56)

Excellency,

Sequel to my letter dated 15 April 2020, 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”, placing draft resolution A/74/L.56 entitled “International cooperation to ensure global access to medicines, vaccines and medical equipment to face COVID-19” under silence procedure until 20 April 2020, at 5 p.m., it is my pleasure to inform you that the silence procedure has concluded without objections.

Accordingly, the resolution is considered adopted by the Assembly as resolution 74/274 and is in effect from 5:01 p.m. today, Monday, 20 April 2020. We will take note of resolution 74/274 at the next plenary meeting of the General Assembly to be held at the United Nations Headquarters.

Also find enclosed the explanation of position received from a Member State regarding this resolution. General statements will be posted on e-delegates and the complete list of co-sponsors, including all additional co-sponsors, will be issued as document A/74/L.56/Add.1.

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.

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