



New York, 8 April 2020

H.E. Mr. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande
President of the General Assembly
United Nations

Your Excellency,

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”, and with the step-by-step process adopted on 6 April by the General Committee for the implementation of the aforementioned decision, on behalf of the Government of Mexico, I have the honour to submit herewith draft resolution L.56 entitled “*International cooperation to ensure global access to medicines, vaccines and medical equipment to face COVID-19*”, to be considered under agenda item 123, “Strengthening of the United Nations system”. This draft resolution, which to date is co-sponsored by over 70 delegations, is available on the e-deleGATE portal.

The main objective of the draft resolution is to engage the United Nations System in ensuring fair, transparent, efficient and timely global access to preventive tools, laboratory testing, reagents and supporting materials, essential medical supplies, new diagnostics, drugs and vaccines and other medical equipment needed or that may be developed to face COVID-19, in particular to developing countries, thus preventing speculation and undue stockpiling that may hinder access to these essential materials.

In this context, I kindly request that you circulate this draft resolution to all Member States under a silence procedure of 72 hours, for its consensual adoption.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration,


Juan Ramón de la Fuente
Permanent Representative of Mexico

CC. To all Permanent Representatives of the Member States to the United Nations.