



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3 April 2020

Excellency,

Sequel to my letter of 17 March 2020, and in light of the updated guidance severely limiting in-person meetings, as a result of the rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic, I have decided to:

- i. Postpone the plenary meeting for the Seventy-fifth anniversary of the end of the Second World War, scheduled for 6 May 2020;
- ii. Postpone the High-level thematic debate to take stock of progress on the impact of rapid technological change on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, scheduled for 11 May 2020;
- iii. Postpone the informal interactive dialogue on commodity markets, scheduled for 22 May 2020;
- iv. Cancel all in-person meetings of General Assembly mandated processes, scheduled to be held between 17 April 2020 and the end of May 2020.

Meanwhile, my Office will, regularly, continue to update Member States on the state of affairs via webinars. I am glad to mention that several Committees have successfully started conducting informal meetings via the United Nation's Video Conference Tool (VCT). Also, this session's Assembly mandated processes have continued to conduct their activities via alternative mechanisms.

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, appearing to read 'Tijjani Muhammad-Bande'.

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

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