

**READOUT ON THE BILATERAL MEETING BETWEEN H.E. JOSE  
SINGER WEISINGER SPECIAL ENVOY OF THE DOMINICAN  
REPUBLIC AND PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR  
THE MONTH OF APRIL 2020  
16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2020**

The President of the 74<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly, H.E. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, on 16 April 2020, held a meeting with H.E. Jose Singer Weisinger, the Special Envoy of the Dominican Republic and President of the Security Council for the month of April 2020.

H.E. Weisinger briefed the President on the main activities to be embarked on during Dominican Republic's presidency of the Council including two signature events on 'Protection of civilians in armed conflict: Protecting civilians from conflict-induced hunger' and 'Maintenance of international peace and security: Youth, peace and security', both of which will be Open VTC meetings to be held on 21 and 27 April, respectively.

The President in turn briefed the Special Envoy on his efforts at updating the working methods of the General Assembly within the Rules of Procedure, to ensure that during the COVID-19 emergency period, priority resolutions and decisions are attended to. The President informed the Special Envoy of the adoption by Member States of Resolution 74/544 through which urgent decisions can be adopted by Member States under a silence procedure.

The President and the Special Envoy agreed on the importance of transparency and the need to work together as one United Nations, ensuring that all Member States are carried along. The President raised the pending issue of the appointment by the Security Council of a co-facilitator for the on-going review of the UN Peacebuilding Architecture and the Special Envoy promised to consult and revert.

H.E. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande thanked H.E. Weisinger for his visit and looked forward to working with the Dominican Republic throughout the 74<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly.

