



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

4 May 2020

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith, a letter from H.E. Ambassador Courtenay Rattray, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations, the facilitator for the e-voting process (excluding elections).

The letter invites Member States and Observers to participate in the first virtual informal consultation on Monday, 11 May 2020, at 3:00 p.m. The meeting will enable discussions on ways of taking decisions in the General Assembly by vote (excluding elections), within the context of the current restrictions surrounding the holding of large in-person gatherings in plenary during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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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Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York



4th May 2020

Excellency,

I have the honour to write to you in my capacity as Facilitator of the informal consultations on the General Assembly voting process (excluding elections) during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Following the virtual briefing held on Friday, 1st May 2020, I invite delegations to participate in the first informal consultation on **Monday, 11th May 2020 at 3:00 p.m.** by way of the Microsoft Teams meetings platform. Please note that this is not the same platform that was used for the virtual briefing.

Delegations are reminded, as mentioned at the virtual briefing, that since MS Teams meetings can accommodate only 250 participants at maximum, it is important to limit the number of participants to **one per delegation** in order to ensure that all delegations are included and equally represented. The deadline to complete the sign-up form for registration is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 6th May 2020. Invitations to participate in informal consultations via MS Teams will only be sent to registered delegates. Attached is the relevant Participant Guide, which provides details for utilizing MS Teams.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Rattray', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

E. Courtenay Rattray, Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Jamaica
to the United Nations

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