



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

27 May 2020

Subject: Election of the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session

Excellency,

In accordance with paragraph 1 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 33/138 of 19 December 1978, the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session shall be elected from among the Western European and other States (WEOG). Also, Rule 30 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly holds that the President of the General Assembly (PGA) shall be elected at least three months before the opening of the session over which he or she is to preside.

In that connection, the Chair of the Group of Western European and other States for the month of February 2020 had informed the Secretariat that the Group endorsed the candidacy of His Excellency Mr. Volkan Bozkir of Turkey for the position of President of the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session (Cf. Note Verbale from Chair of WEOG).

In conformity with General Assembly resolution 71/323, entitled, “*Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly*” I had convened a virtual interactive dialogue between Member States and the sole candidate for the position of the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session, His Excellency Mr. Volkan Bozkir on Friday, 15 May 2020.

As you know, we had hitherto scheduled the election for the President of the General Assembly for 8 June 2020. However, in light of the evolving situation concerning the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, and the limitations recommended on meetings within the United Nations premises as precautionary measures aimed at mitigating the spread of COVID-19, as well as the overriding need to safeguard public health, we will hereby proceed with the election of the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session via the procedure outlined in General Assembly decision 74/544.

Therefore, taking into account the provisions of paragraph 16 of Assembly decision 34/401, and 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*”, I am pleased to place under silence procedure, until 1 June 2020, at 5: 00 p.m., the General Assembly decision to elect His Excellency Mr. Volkan Bozkir of Turkey as President of the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session.

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

Any objections to proceed with the election by silence procedure should be done via a letter or Note Verbale addressed to the President of the General Assembly. Such correspondence should be sent via email to opga@un.org. Please clearly indicate the title of the draft decision in the subject line of the communication.

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, featuring a stylized, flowing script that ends in a small, circular flourish.

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande