



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

18 May 2020

Subject: Decision entitled “Extension of the procedure for taking decisions of the General Assembly during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic” (decision 74/555)

Excellency,

Sequel to my letter dated 15 May 2020, noting with concern the continued limitations recommended on meetings within the United Nations premises as precautionary measures aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19, I am pleased to inform you that in accordance with the enclosed General Assembly decision 74/555 all subsidiary organs of the Assembly may apply the procedure set out in decision 74/544 of 27 March 2020, entitled, “Procedure for taking decisions of the General Assembly during the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic” until the end of June 2020.

Accordingly, the presiding officer of a subsidiary organ may wish to circulate, after consultation with its bureau (if there is one), draft decisions of the subsidiary organ to all its members under a silence procedure of at least 72 hours. If the silence is not broken, the decision should be considered adopted, and each subsidiary organ will take note of its decisions adopted under 74/555 at its next meeting held after the cessation of the precautionary measures as soon as the circumstances allow.

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, consisting of a stylized, flowing script that ends in a large, decorative loop.

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

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