



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

29 May 2020

**Subject:** Draft decision entitled “*Procedure for holding elections by secret ballot without a plenary meeting during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic*” (A/74/L. 67)

Excellency,

Sequel to my letter dated 22 May 2020, 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*”, placing draft decision A/74/L.67 entitled, “*Procedure for holding elections by secret ballot without a plenary meeting during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic*” under silence procedure until 29 May 2020, at 6 p.m., it is my pleasure to inform you that the silence procedure has concluded without objections.

Accordingly, the decision is considered adopted by the General Assembly as decision 74/557 and is in effect from 6:01p.m. today, Friday, 29 May 2020. The General Assembly will take note of decision 74/557 at its next plenary meeting to be held at the United Nations Headquarters.

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 'T' followed by a flourish.

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

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