The President of the 74th Session of the UN General Assembly, H.E. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, on 30 April 2020, held a meeting with H.E. Sven Jürgenson, the Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations and President of the Security Council for the month of May 2020.

H.E. Jürgenson briefed the PGA on the main activities to be embarked on during Estonia’s presidency of the Council including a High-Level Open Arria Formula Meeting titled “75 Years from the End of the Second World War on European Soil – Lessons Learned for Preventing Future Atrocities, Responsibility of the Security Council; VTC Open Debate on Security Council Working Methods; Arria Formula Meeting on Cyber Security and High-Level Open Debate on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict.

The President of the General Assembly updated H.E. Jürgenson on his efforts in ensuring business continuity at the General Assembly including the use of a Silence Procedure under which critical and urgent matters are taken care of during the COVID-19 pandemic. He is also working with the Office of Legal Affairs and the DGACM on agreed principles to guarantee valid and safe elections and to ensure that all measures are within the Rules of Procedure.

The President and Ambassador Jürgenson were united in their assertion that as the main bodies of the United Nations, the General Assembly and the Security Council need to work together for the advancement of the Organization.

H.E. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande thanked H.E. Jürgenson for his visit and looked forward to working with Estonia throughout the 74th Session of the General Assembly.