

## **Annex B**

### **Arrangements for the election of the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session, the election of non-permanent members of the Security Council and the election of members of the Economic and Social Council**

**United Nations Headquarters, General Assembly Hall,  
17 June 2020, from 9:00 a.m.<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> If there shall be additional ballots to fill any remaining places, the President of the General Assembly shall circulate a letter to all Member States with the date and time of the next round of secret balloting, which shall commence on a working day at most 20 hours after the circulation of the letter.

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## **I. Introduction**

1. The General Assembly, in its decision 74/557 of 29 May 2020 entitled “Procedure for holding elections by secret ballot without a plenary meeting during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic”, decided to hold the election of non-permanent members of the Security Council and the election of members of the Economic and Social Council in June 2020, simultaneously, without holding a plenary meeting of the General Assembly, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, the rules of procedure and the established practice of the General Assembly, and the arrangements set out in the annex to its decision 74/557.
2. The Assembly, in its decision 74/557, also decided to apply *mutatis mutandis* the provisions of the decision to other elections of the General Assembly during the seventy-fourth session in which the number of candidates exceeds the number of seats to be filled, or where a Member State requests a secret ballot, even if the number of candidates does not exceed the number of seats to be filled.
3. The President of the General Assembly, in a letter dated 2 June 2020, informed that the elections of the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session, non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council and will be held on 17 June 2020 from 9:00 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall.<sup>1</sup> In the same letter, the President of the General Assembly also informed Member States of the number of vacant seats and provided other details concerning the conduct of the elections.
4. The General Assembly, in its decision 74/557, decided to take note of the results of the elections mentioned above at its first plenary meeting held after the cessation of the precautionary measures as soon as the circumstances allow.

## **II. Lists of candidates**

5. The President of the General Assembly shall circulate a letter to all Member States, at least one working day prior to the first round of secret balloting for the elections, to notify them of the names of candidates communicated to the Secretariat at least 48 hours prior to the elections pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/323 of 8 September 2017.
6. The lists of candidates will continue to be updated on the e-deleGATE portal after the circulation of the letter from the President of the General Assembly.
7. For additional rounds of balloting, if needed, the letter from the President of the General Assembly informing Member States of the results of the previous ballot will, *inter alia*, indicate the candidates that are eligible in that round of secret balloting.

## **III. Voter registration**

8. In accordance with General Assembly decision 74/557, each Member State is requested to submit the name of the representative, and an alternate, who will cast the ballot of the Member State (the voter).
9. An online registration form will be made available for Member States to register.

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10. The General Assembly Affairs Branch will send an email from “DGACM-General Assembly Affairs Branch GAAB” [gaab@un.org] providing the link to the online registration form.

11. The deadline for registration will be Monday, 8 June 2020, at 6 p.m.

#### **IV. Time slot for voting**

12. In accordance with General Assembly decision 74/557, the voter is invited to visit the General Assembly Hall at a specific time slot communicated to him/her five working days prior to the elections by the President of the General Assembly.

13. An additional time slot will be available to the voters if they will not be able to visit the designated venue during the specific time slot communicated to them.

#### **V. Journal announcement**

14. The date, time and venue of the elections will be announced in the *Journal of the United Nations* once the President of the General Assembly has communicated such information through his letter(s).

#### **VI. United Nations Webcast**

15. The United Nations Webcast Unit will provide live and on-demand streaming coverage of the election, including the announcement of the results. The coverage will be available on the UN Web TV website (<http://webtv.un.org>). The Journal announcement regarding the elections will include a link to the webcast. Queries about webcast coverage should be directed to the United Nations Webcast Unit (telephone: 212 963 6733; email: damianou@un.org and justin@un.org).

#### **VII. Campaign material**

16. The General Assembly, in its resolution 71/323, decided that on the day of election in the General Assembly the campaign materials distributed in the General Assembly Hall shall be limited to a single page of information regarding the candidates, with a view to preserving the decorum of the Assembly. Any such materials, in a sufficient number of copies, should be submitted to the Secretariat at 11 a.m. on 15 June 2020, at the east doors of the General Assembly Hall (see Appendix III, marked “(B) ENTRY”). No later submission will be accepted. The Secretariat will distribute them desk-to-desk in the General Assembly Hall on 17 June 2020.

#### **VIII. Security arrangements**

17. Access to the United Nations complex on the day of the elections will be restricted to delegates (the voter and the tellers), the President of the General Assembly and his staff and staff members of the United Nations Secretariat.

18. It should be noted that access to the United Nations will be denied to anyone who is not a voter or a teller.

19. Questions or concerns should be directed to Kevin O Hanlon, Chief, United Nations Headquarters, Security and Safety Service, by contacting the Security Event Planning Unit (Captain Charlene Wilson, telephone: 212 963 2867).

### **Restricted areas**

20. The voters will only have access to the General Assembly Hall from the delegates' entrance (see Appendix II). The voters are requested not to congregate within that area and instead to maintain physical distancing. All other areas on the second floor of the General Assembly Building will be closed off.

21. The ground will be marked appropriately to show physical distancing between voters and proper signage will be in place to direct the voters.

### **Vehicular access**

22. Vehicular access to the premises will be through the gate at First Avenue and 43rd Street (see Appendix I). Vehicles will be able to drop off the voters at the delegates' arrival tent. Thereafter, they will be required to park in the Secretariat Circle or in the garage.

23. Depending on the availability of space in the Secretariat Circle, a limited number of vehicles could be parked in the Circle. Drivers will also be permitted to wait in the garage.

24. All vehicles entering the Headquarters premises will be subject to search. Thus, it is highly recommended that members limit the contents inside their vehicles in order to expedite the physical security clearances.

### **Pedestrian access through the delegates' entrance**

25. The delegates' pedestrian entrance gate, located at 45th Street and First Avenue, will be open for voters and tellers to access and exit the delegates' entrance to the General Assembly Hall (delegates' arrival tent) (see Appendix I). A valid grounds pass will be required for presentation to access the premises.

## **IX. Medical services**

26. The United Nations Headquarters medical clinic will be available for advice during the process. Masks will be made available at a desk located to the south of the entrance, before the escalators to the second floor of the General Assembly Building (see Appendix II), for any voter arriving without one. All delegates are required to be free of symptoms consistent with COVID-19 to attend the voting in person, to maintain the recommended physical distancing and to have a face covering in public areas.

27. Any additional information available to the United Nations Medical Services will be communicated to Member States prior to the day of the election.

## **X. Casting of ballots**

28. The voters are requested not to congregate in the General Assembly Hall and maintain adequate physical distance throughout the process.

### **Entering the General Assembly Hall**

29. The voters will enter the General Assembly building through the delegates' entrance (see Appendix II) and take the escalator on the right side to the second floor. The voters using the escalator going up will be separated from the voters using the escalator going down.

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### **Check-in desk**

30. A check-in desk will be located outside of the General Assembly Hall entrance on the east side (see Appendix III, marked “(A) CHECK-IN DESK”). The voters, while maintaining adequate physical distance, will be requested to present a valid United Nations grounds pass to the Secretariat staff who will verify that the voter is the representative, or an alternate representative, who will cast the ballot of the Member State (the voter).

### **Ballot papers pick-up desk**

31. Once cleared at the check-in desk, the voters will then proceed through the East doors of the General Assembly Hall (see Appendix III, marked “(B) ENTRY”) to the East Documents Counter located toward the back of the Hall to receive the ballot papers from the Secretariat staff (see Appendix III, marked “(C) EAST DOCUMENTS COUNTER BALLOT PICK UP”). Ballot papers for the three elections (President of the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session, non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council) will be clearly marked and will be in three distinct colours.

### **Filling in the ballot papers**

32. The voters will then proceed to their respective delegation seats in the General Assembly Hall to fill in the ballot papers (see Appendix III, marked “(D) FILLING IN THE BALLOT PAPERS AT THE DELEGATION SEATS”). The name plates will be displayed according to the seating chart for the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly. The tellers will be present in the General Assembly Hall to observe the process.

33. The voters are requested to arrive with their own pens and to have a copy of the list of candidates as well as any other details concerning the conduct of the elections that would have been circulated by the President of the General Assembly in advance.

34. If a voter makes a mistake with filling in the ballot papers, he/she will have to return to the East Documents Counter to receive a new set of ballot papers.

35. The voter will be requested to place the ballot papers on the Counter and present a valid United Nations grounds pass to the Secretariat staff. The ballot papers to be discarded will be shredded and disposed by the Secretariat staff. A new set of ballot papers will be placed on the Counter for the voter, who will then return to his/her delegation’s seat.

### **Ballot papers drop-off desk**

36. Three ballot boxes marked President of the General Assembly, Security Council and Economic and Social Council, respectively, will be placed at the Secretariat table to the right of the base of the podium (see Appendix III, marked “(E) BALLOT BOXES”). The voters, while maintaining adequate physical distance, will cast (place) the ballot papers in the ballot boxes.

37. The tellers will confirm at the start of the process that the ballot boxes are empty and will observe the aforementioned process while present in the General Assembly Hall (see Appendix III, marked “(G) TELLERS”).

## Exiting the General Assembly Hall

38. The voters will exit the General Assembly Hall through the doors located on the west side (see Appendix III, marked “(F) EXIT”) and depart by taking the escalators on the left side to the ground floor to exit the General Assembly Building from the delegates’ entrance (see Appendices II and III). The voters using the escalator going up will be separated from the voters using the escalator going down.

## XI. Accessibility: arrangements for persons with disabilities

39. The voters are requested to inform the Secretariat of the accessibility requirements of delegates in order to facilitate the casting of ballots. Upon request, adjustments can be made to allow an additional delegate to accompany the voter. For individual requests, please contact Svetlana Emelina-Sarte (email: [emelina@un.org](mailto:emelina@un.org)) or Cassandra Price Taveras (email: [pricec@un.org](mailto:pricec@un.org)).

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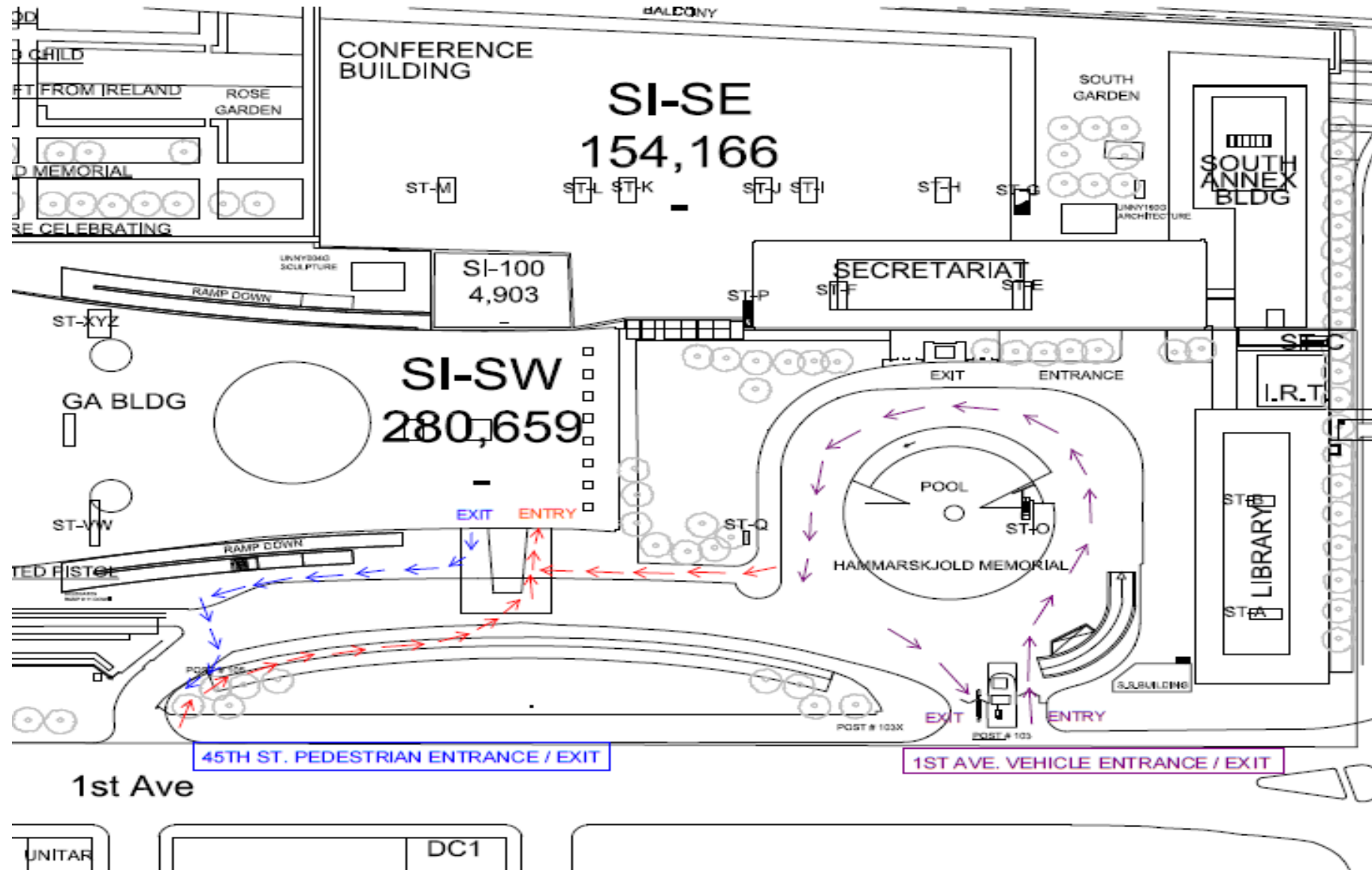
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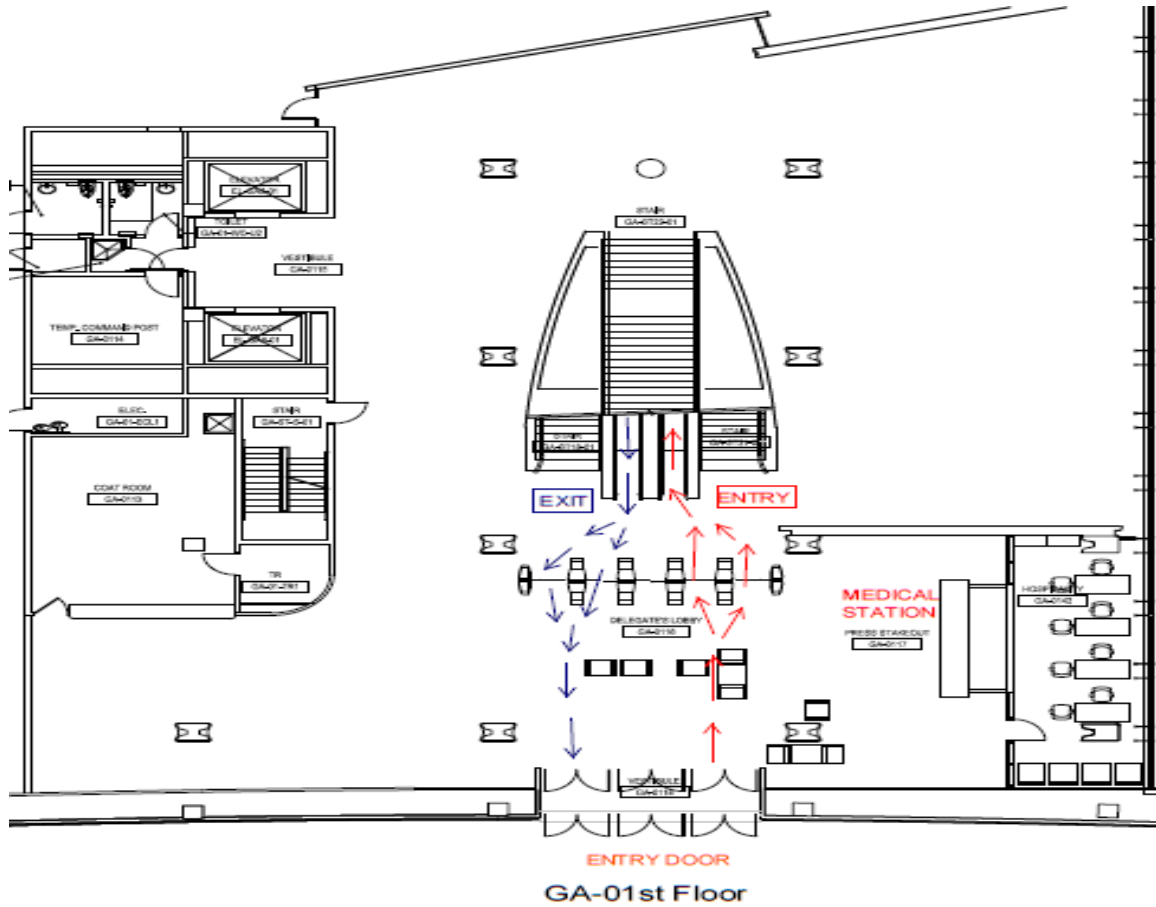
# Appendix I

## United Nations premises vehicular and pedestrian entrance and exit



## Appendix II

### Delegates' entrance to the General Assembly Hall



# Appendix III

## General Assembly Hall layout for the casting of the ballots

