



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

9 June 2020

Excellency,

Sequel to my letter of 1 May 2020, it is expected that there will be continued limitations on holding large in-person meetings as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic until the end of July 2020.

The informal meeting of the plenary on the annual observance of the Nelson Mandela International Day scheduled for 20 July 2020, will not take place in-person in the General Assembly Hall. I am consulting the members of the Selection Committee for the United Nations Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize and further details will be communicated in due course.

As per my letter of 5 June 2020, I recommend that the interactive multi-stakeholder hearing currently scheduled for 21 July 2020, be held via a virtual platform. Further details and concept note of the multi-stakeholder hearing will be communicated in due course.

Sequel to decision 74/545, please find attached a letter from the current Chair of the International Law Commission and the Chair designate for the seventy-second session. As explained in the letter, after consultations with the incoming Bureau and all the members of the Commission, they propose that the seventy-second session of the International Law Commission scheduled to be held in 2020, in Geneva, should be postponed to 2021. Thus, the seventy-third session of the International Law Commission shall meet in 2022, and the terms of office of the current members of the International Law Commission shall be extended by one year such that they will expire on 31 December 2022, in order to permit the current membership to complete consideration of the topics on the programme of work for the seventy-second and seventy-third sessions, which are already at advanced stages. Any comments on the enclosed draft decision, prior to its circulation under silence procedure, should be directed to Joao Lopes, Senior Adviser, via email at joao.lopes@un.org until 11 June 2020, at 3:00 p.m.

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Now that we know that the limitations on holding large in-person meetings as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic will have to be maintained until the end of July 2020, I will shortly submit a draft decision extending 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”* until the end of July 2020.

I would also like to avail myself 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.



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