



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

24 June 2020

Excellency,

Reference is made to my letter dated 23 June 2020, extending the deadline for the consideration of the final draft Declaration for the Commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations to Wednesday, 24 June 2020, at 12:00 p.m.

Sequel to the enclosed letter from H.E. Alya Ahmed bin Saif Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of Qatar, and H.E. Anna Karin Eneström, Permanent Representative of Sweden, the co-facilitators overseeing the intergovernmental negotiations on the aforementioned Declaration, I wish to inform that the silence procedure was broken.

I thank Member States for having very actively contributed to the consultations and intergovernmental process leading to the text of the draft Declaration. I am glad that the membership strongly supports the outcome that was reached, with the exception of a very limited specific element. I also thank the co-facilitators for their tireless work and effort to reach consensus on this landmark document and I am determined to work with them to overcome this remaining challenge.

We are on the eve of celebrating the signing of the UN Charter, a document that binds us all. This makes it all the more compelling to swiftly achieve a compromise. I shall work with the co-facilitators and Member States to put forward language in that respect in the coming hours.

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.

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Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York



**Permanent Mission of Sweden
to the United Nations, New York**

24 June 2020

Excellency,

With reference to our letter of 23 June regarding the draft Declaration for the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, we have the honor to inform you that silence has been broken by the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand and the United States, by suggesting an amendment exclusively on the last sentence of the third to last paragraph of the circulated draft declaration.

The co-facilitators are determined to continue our efforts finding a solution in collaboration with Member States and trust, as always, that together with your good offices we will be able to do so in time for the commemoration of the signing of the Charter of the United Nations, which will be held on Charter Day this coming Friday, 26 June 2020.

We would once again like to express our gratitude to all Member States for their continuous constructive and cooperative spirit during this process, which has taken place under extraordinary circumstances, of delivering a declaration that is “concise, substantive, forward- looking and unifying”.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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Alya Ahmed bin Saif Al-Thani
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the State
of Qatar to the United Nations
New York

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Anna Karin Eneström' followed by a stylized flourish.

Anna Karin Eneström
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Sweden
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Excellencies,

On behalf of my government, and those of Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand and the United States, thank you for your letter of 17 June circulating the draft Declaration for the Commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations.

Allow us to begin by thanking you for all your work in leading discussions on the Declaration. In the week when we mark the 75th anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter, we should recall that those who drafted the Charter envisaged a future that is better for this and succeeding generations.

We would therefore like to break silence to propose the addition below:

What we agree today will affect the sustainability of our planet as well the welfare of generations for decades to come. Through reinvigorated global action and by building on the progress achieved in the last 75 years, we are determined to ensure the future we want. To achieve this, we will mobilize resources, strengthen our efforts and show unprecedented political will and leadership. We will work together with partners to strengthen coordination and global governance for the common good of present and future generations and to realize our shared vision for a better future as envisaged in the preamble of the UN Charter.

We look forward to continuing to engage constructively in discussions.

Yours Sincerely,

Jonathan Allen