



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

15 June 2020

Subject: Procedure for holding elections by secret ballot without a plenary meeting during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic

Excellency,

Reference is made to the enclosed correspondence regarding the forthcoming 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, which will be held simultaneously, on 17 June 2020, from 9:00 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall (“the designated venue”).

I am pleased to convey herewith, in accordance with General Assembly decision 74/755 of 29 May 2020, entitled, “*Procedure for holding elections by secret ballot without a plenary meeting during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic*”, the names of candidates communicated to the Secretariat at least 48 hours prior to the election pursuant to Assembly resolution 71/323. The lists of candidates will continue to be updated on the e-deleGATE portal.

I am also pleased to inform that the representatives of the following States will act as tellers: Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Cuba, Egypt, Finland, Malaysia, Netherlands, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, and Ukraine.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have all had to work under extraordinary conditions to overcome the myriad of challenges facing us. Indeed, the forthcoming elections represent our common commitment to ensuring the uninterrupted continuation of the important work of the United Nations, in accordance with the values and principles of the United Nations Charter. Our collective efforts to facilitate the success of the elections relies on your support.

I urge all voters to adhere to the guidelines contained in my letter of 2 June 2020, including not to congregate and to maintain the recommended physical distancing, and to have a face covering on the day of the elections. Voters are requested to arrive with their own pen and to have a copy of the list of candidates. Voters are requested to follow the direction of the signage and marks on the ground to ensure physical distancing among voters.

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

I encourage voters to adhere to the specific time slot they have been invited to visit the General Assembly Hall to cast the ballots of their respective Member State as reflected in my letter of 9 June 2020.

I would like to thank you for your support to the General Assembly, including support to my Office, as we continue to ensure business continuity.

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 long, sweeping horizontal line that curves upwards and ends in a small, circular flourish.

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

Annex

Names of candidates communicated to the Secretariat at least 48 hours prior to the election pursuant to Assembly resolution 71/323

1. Election of the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session

- For the one vacant seat from among the Western European and other States, one endorsed candidate has been communicated, namely, His Excellency Mr. Volkan Bozkir of Turkey.

2. Election of non-permanent members of the Security Council

- For the two vacant seats from among the African and Asia-Pacific States,¹ three candidates have been communicated, namely, Djibouti, India and Kenya. Of those three candidates, India and Kenya are endorsed candidates.
- For the one vacant seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States, one endorsed candidate has been communicated, namely, Mexico.
- For the two vacant seats from among the Western European and other States, three candidates have been communicated, namely, Canada, Ireland and Norway.

3. Election of members of the Economic and Social Council

- For the five vacant seats from among the African States, five endorsed candidates have been communicated, namely, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Nigeria and Zimbabwe.
- For the three vacant seats from among the Asia-Pacific States, three endorsed candidates have been communicated, namely, Indonesia, Japan and Solomon Islands.
- For the one vacant seat from among the Eastern European States, one endorsed candidate has been communicated, namely, Bulgaria.
- For the four vacant seats from among the Latin American and Caribbean States, four candidates have been communicated, namely, Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Guatemala and Mexico.
- For the five vacant seats from among the Western European and other States, five candidates have been communicated, namely, Austria, France, Germany, Portugal and United Kingdom.

¹ In accordance with established practice, there is an understanding to the effect that, of the two States to be elected from among the African and Asia-Pacific States, one should be an African State and one should be an Asia-Pacific State.