



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

21 July 2020

**Subject:** Draft decision entitled “Extension of the procedure for taking decisions of the General Assembly during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic until the end of August 2020” (A/74/L.76)

Excellency,

Sequel to my letter dated 16 July 2020, in accordance with 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”, decision 74/555 of 15 May 2020 entitled “Extension of the procedure for taking decisions of the General Assembly during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic” and decision 74/558 of 18 June 2020 entitled “Extension of the procedure for taking decisions of the General Assembly during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic until the end of July 2020”, placing under silence procedure the draft decision entitled “Extension of the procedure for taking decisions of the General Assembly during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic until the end of August 2020” (A/74/L.76), until 21 July 2020 at 1 p.m., it is my pleasure to inform you that the silence procedure has concluded without objections.

Accordingly, the decision is considered adopted by the General Assembly as decision 74/561 and is in effect from 1:01 p.m. today, Tuesday, 21 July 2020. The General Assembly will take note of decision 74/561 at its next plenary meeting to be held at the United Nations Headquarters.

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 stylized 'T' followed by a flourish.

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