



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

12 August 2020

Subject: Draft decision entitled “Closing date of the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly” (A/74/L.79)

Excellency,

Sequel to my letter dated 7 August 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*” and decision 74/561 of 21 July 2020, 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*”, placing the draft decision entitled “*Closing date of the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly*” (A/74/L.79), under silence procedure until 12 August 2020, at 3:00 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 Assembly as decision 74/563 and is in effect from 3:01 p.m., today, Wednesday, 12 August 2020. The General Assembly will take note of decision 74/563 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, cursive script.

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