



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 August 2020

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith, a letter from His Excellency Mr. Volkan Bozkir, President-elect of the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 58/126, the aforementioned letter conveys the theme for the general debate of the 75th session.

I avail myself 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, appearing to read 'Tijjani Muhammad-Bande'.

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

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



Volkan BOZKIR
President-Elect of the 75th Session of the United Nations General Assembly

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Dear President Bande,

Pursuant to General Assembly Resolution 58/126, I am to suggest an issue, or issues, of global concern upon which Member States would be invited to comment during the general debate at the forthcoming session of the Assembly.

At the same time, I am cognisant that the membership subsequently agreed in Resolution 73/299 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the UN under the theme “The future we want, the United Nations we need: reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism” and that this theme should guide all activities, meetings and conferences organized by the United Nations in 2020, including the general debate of the 75th session.

Given the global crisis triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic, I have decided to append to this overarching theme a more specific focus.

“The future we want, the United Nations we need: reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism – confronting COVID-19 through effective multilateral action”

I would encourage all Member States to reflect on how the future we want and United Nations we need can be concretised in the specific context of COVID-19, with a particular focus on the most vulnerable and how we can ensure our partnerships to achieve Agenda 2030 adapt to the crisis as we enter the decade of action to achieve the SDGs.

I would be most grateful if you could circulate this letter to all Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations.

Volkan BOZKIR

H.E. Tijjani Muhammed-Bande
President of the United Nations General Assembly
New York