



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

29 August 2020

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith, a letter from H. E. Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee, Permanent Representative of Ghana and H.E. Michal Mlynar, Permanent Representative of Slovakia, co-chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group (AHWG) on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly.

The co-chairs share, via the aforementioned letter, the draft resolution to be adopted by the General Assembly as the outcome of the work of the AHWG during the 74th session, together with the agreed input of the alignment process. The attached text is hereby placed under silence procedure until Monday, 31 August 2020, at 6:00 pm. Communications pertaining to the silence procedure can be sent to the co-chairs via email (hackman.khalilah@gmail.com and robert.chatrnuch@mzv.sk).

I count on your understanding and cooperation to enable us close up this agenda item as we approach the end of the 74th session of the Assembly.

I avail myself of this opportunity to express 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 THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS



New York, 28th August 2020

Excellency,

We have the honour of writing to you in our capacity as Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly (AHWG).

Please find attached the final draft resolution on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly updated to reflect the inputs of Member States during the second informal consultations held on Wednesday, 26th August 2020.

We are presenting this text for acceptance by Member States as the input of the AHWG to the resolution on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly and recommend that the work of the AHWG be rolled over to the 75th session with resolution A/73/341 of 12th September 2019 constituting the basis of further work of the Group. The attached text is hereby placed **under silence procedure until Monday, 31st August 2020, at 6 pm.**

Due to the time constraints and limitations recommended on meetings within the United Nations premises as precautionary measures aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, the Co-Chairs propose that exceptionally at this session the draft resolution on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly be submitted directly to the General Assembly Plenary as an L document of the General Assembly.

We further recommend that pending the conclusion of the alignment process and agreement on the input of that process into the full text of the resolution, the attached draft resolution be adopted by the General Assembly as the outcome of the work of the AHWG during the 74th session, together with the agreed input of the alignment process. The draft resolution as a whole is expected to be put for adoption by consensus at an in-person meeting of the General Assembly, which will be scheduled by the President of the General Assembly in due course.

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

We would like to thank all Member States for their constructive engagement and cooperation throughout the session and particularly during the informal consultations held on 24th and 26th August 2020.

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

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Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Ghana
to the United Nations

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Michal Mlynár
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Slovakia
to the United Nations

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

PP1. *Bearing in mind* the role and authority of the General Assembly as a principal organ of the United Nations and the importance of its effectiveness and efficiency in fulfilling its functions under the Charter of the United Nations, [[Source: A/RES/73/341 pp1](#)]

PP2. *Reiterating* that the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly is a critical component of the overall reform of the United Nations, [[Source: A/RES/73/341 pp3](#)]

PP3. *Welcoming the commemoration of* the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations in 2020 under the theme “The future we want, the United Nations we need: reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism”, [[revised language based on A/RES/73/341 pp6](#)]

PP4. *Recognizing* the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the work of the General Assembly during the seventy-fourth session, and *welcoming* the efforts of the President of seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly to ensure the continued functioning of the General Assembly despite the limitations for its normal work as a consequence of the pandemic, [[new language](#)]

PP5. *Underlining* the need to further enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the General Assembly to address the evolving global challenges, [[Source: A/RES/73/341 pp 7](#)]

OP1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 73/341 of 12th September 2019 and all other previous resolutions adopted by consensus relating to the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly and *agrees* that resolution 73/341 as a whole will form the basis for the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly during the seventy-fifth session; [[Source: A/RES/73/341 op1](#)]

OP2. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue updating regularly and equally the multilingual web page devoted to the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly in all six official languages and its substantive content within existing resources in a cost-effective manner, including through the use of existing capabilities such as automation of translation, while ensuring the accuracy of translation; [[Source: A/RES/73/341 op3](#)]

OP3. *Decides* to establish, at its seventy-fifth session, an Ad Hoc Working Group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, open to all Member States: [[Source: A/RES/73/341 op4](#)]

(a) To identify further ways to enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on the progress achieved in past sessions

as well as on previous resolutions, including evaluating the status of their implementation;
[Source: A/RES/73/341 op4]

(b) To submit a report thereon to the Assembly at its seventy-fifth session;
[Source: A/RES/73/341 op4]

OP4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake within existing resources an analysis of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the work of the General Assembly and to provide a briefing thereon to the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-fifth session, [new language]

OP5. *Also decides* that the Ad Hoc Working Group shall continue its review of the inventory of General Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed to the report¹ of the Ad Hoc Working Group submitted at the seventy-third session and, as a result, continue to update the inventory to be attached to the report to be submitted at the seventy-fifth session of the Assembly, including the separate indication of relevant provisions that were not implemented, with reasons thereof; [Source: A/RES/73/341 op5]

OP6. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General.²

¹ A/73/956

² A/74/704