

**READOUT ON THE BILATERAL MEETING BETWEEN THE PGA AND H.E. CHRISTOPHER HEUSGEN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GERMANY AND PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2020**

The President of the 74th Session of the UN General Assembly, H.E. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, on 10 June 2020, held a virtual meeting with H.E. Christoph Heusgen, the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations and President of the Security Council for the month of July 2020.

H.E. Heusgen briefed the PGA on the main activities to be embarked on during German presidency of the Council including Open Debates on the impact of COVID-19; Peacekeeping and Human Rights; Women Peace and Security and Climate and Security. Other issues might be included in the Council's programme depending on developments and agreement within the Council. He stressed the close cooperation with the two preceding presidencies carried out by fellow EU member states ('European Spring') and with France, in particular.

The President of the General Assembly agreed to the high importance of all the issues to be focused on by the German/French Presidencies adding that an annexation of parts of Palestinian territories would run counter to the principles of the United Nations and its Charter. The President updated H.E. Heusgen on his efforts in ensuring business continuity at the General Assembly including the election of non-permanent members of the UNSC scheduled for 17 June 2020 as well as the appointment of co-facilitators from the UNSC and UNGA for the 2020 Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture.

Referring to his priorities for the 74<sup>th</sup> Session which include poverty eradication, the President informed the Permanent Representative of his plans to launch an Alliance for Poverty Eradication.

H.E. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande thanked H.E. Heusgen for his virtual visit and looked forward to working with Germany throughout the rest of the 74<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly.