



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2 September 2020

Excellency,

Further to my letter, dated 29 August 2020, I have the pleasure to transmit herewith, a letter from H. E. Mrs. Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee, Permanent Representative of Ghana, and H.E. Mr. Michal Mlynár, 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, via the aforementioned letter, inform that the silence procedure on the draft text of AHWG concluded on Monday, 31 August 2020, at 6:00 p.m. without any objections. Hence, the co-chair's transmit the final text of the resolution on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, which includes the input from the intergovernmental consultations on the alignment process received from H. E. Collen Kelapile, Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations, and H. E. Mrs. Milica Pejanović Đurišić, Permanent Representative of Montenegro to the United Nations in their capacities as co-facilitators of the alignment process.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the extensive work done by the co-chairs to achieve consensus despite the many challenges which the COVID-19 pandemic posed to our work. I also thank delegations for their flexibility to reach consensus.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized, flowing script.

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, 2nd September 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) and have the pleasure to inform you that the silence procedure set until Monday, 31 August 2020 at 6:00 pm concluded without objection.

Please find attached the final text of the resolution on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see Annex I) which includes the input from the intergovernmental consultations on the alignment process received from H. E. Collen Kelapile, Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations and H. E. Milica Pejanović-Đurišić, Permanent Representative of Montenegro to the United Nations in their capacities as co-facilitators of the alignment process, under cover of their letter dated 1 September, 2020. We thereby recommend submitting this text for the adoption of the General Assembly at its upcoming plenary session.

We would like to thank again all Member States for their relentless work and constructive engagement throughout the session that has further demonstrated the commitment of the membership towards more resilient and responsive work of the General Assembly, striving to bring a better future for all.

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

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

Michal Mlynár
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Slovakia
to the United Nations

H.E. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande
President of the UN General Assembly
New York

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,

PP2. *Reiterating* that the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly is a critical component of the overall reform of the United Nations,

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”,

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

PP5. *Underlining* the need to further enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the General Assembly to address the evolving global challenges,

OP1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 73/341 of 12 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;

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;

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:

(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;

(b) To submit a report thereon to the Assembly at its seventy-fifth session;

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,

OP5. *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 therefor;

OP6. Requests the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session to identify proposals, in a timely manner, through consultations with all Member States, the President of the Economic and Social Council and the General Committee, within their respective mandates, aimed at addressing gaps, overlaps and duplication where they are found to exist in the agenda of the Assembly as they relate to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development² as a whole, and reaffirms the respective mandates of the Main Committees of the Assembly, and on that basis, calls upon all of them to continue their consideration of addressing gaps, overlaps and duplication in their respective agendas as they relate to the 2030 Agenda as a whole, and in this regard requests them to make proposals available for discussion during the seventy- fifth session of the Assembly;

OP7. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General.³

¹ A/73/956

² Resolution 70/1

³ A/74/704