



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

14 September 2020

Excellency,

Sequel to my letter dated 12 August 2020 on the adoption of the General Assembly decision 74/566, I have the pleasure to transmit herewith a letter from the Chair of the seventy-first session of the International Law Commission and of the Chair designate of the seventy-second session dated 10 September 2020 regarding the new dates of the seventy-second session of the Commission.

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.

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Excellency,

We write to you further to Decision 74/566, adopted by the General Assembly on 12 August 2020, concerning the extension of the term of office of the current members of the International Law Commission and other related matters.

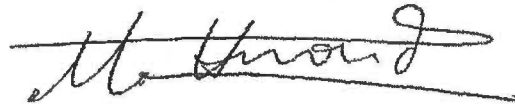
We, the current Chair of the seventy-first session of the Commission and the Chair designate of the seventy-second session of the Commission, wish to inform you that members of the Commission held an informal meeting on 3 September 2020 by virtual means, at which time the members of the Commission, *inter alia*, took note of the decision contained in subparagraph (a) of Decision 74/566 to postpone the seventy-second session of the Commission to 2021. Further to the discussion held at the informal meeting, and upon consultation with the Secretariat, we wish to inform you that:

- (a) the seventy-second session of the Commission will accordingly be held, in Geneva, from 26 April to 4 June and from 5 July to 6 August 2021; and
- (b) the deadline for Governments, international organizations and others, as applicable, to submit comments and observations to the Secretary-General on the topics "Peremptory norms of general international law (*jus cogens*)" and "Protection of the environment in relation to armed conflicts" has been extended to 30 June 2021.

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



Pavel Šturma  
Chair  
Seventy-first session of the  
International Law Commission



Mahmoud D. Hmoud  
Chair designate  
Seventy-second session of the  
International Law Commission

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