



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

15 September 2020

Subject: 1st meeting of the General Committee of the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the 1st meeting of the General Committee of the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly will be held on Wednesday, 16 September 2020, at 10:00 a.m., in the General Assembly Hall, UNHQ.

The Secretary-General's letter dated 7 July 2020 regarding the reopening of the UN Headquarters states that in the event that a meeting is to be held, "Occupational safety experts will be asked to complete a risk assessment of such requests and prepare mitigation measures to minimize the risks to staff and delegates." The Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) team concluded that the proposed meeting is at low risk if the following precautionary measures aimed at mitigating the spread of COVID-19 are put in place:

- Access to the United Nations complex during the General Committee meeting will be restricted;
- In addition to the listed entry requirements in the Annex, attendees confirm on entry to the UN complex that they have met any quarantine requirements of New York State regarding travel in the last 14 days from countries or US States considered high risk;
- To ensure the effectiveness of physical distancing in the General Assembly Hall, only one delegate per Member State will be allowed in the Hall; This includes both Member States that are members of the General Committee and Member States that are not members of the General Committee;
- Upon arrival at the United Nations Headquarters, one ticket will be issued by the Safety and Security Service per Member State;

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- Access to the General Assembly Hall will require a regular delegate's pass and the ticket;
- The seating plan will ensure physical distancing;
- All statements will be made by delegations from their national seats;
- Furthermore, the Secretariat will actively manage the exit by calling each row for departure in a staggered manner;
- Additional measures are in the Annex.

As announced in the Journal of the United Nations, the General Committee will consider the Secretary-General's memorandum regarding the organization of the seventy-fifth regular session of the Assembly, the adoption of the agenda and the allocation of items, contained in document A/BUR/75/1.

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



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