



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13 October 2020

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith, a letter dated 13 October 2020 from H.E. Mr. Yashar T. Aliyev, Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan, and H.E. Ms. Louise Blais, Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada, co-facilitators of the intergovernmental negotiations on the modalities for the organization of the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

The enclosed letter conveys the revised draft resolution on the modalities of the 31st Special Session of the General Assembly in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, including its scope, format, date and outcome. The co-facilitators also invite you to the sixth round of informal consultations on the draft resolution on 15 October 2020 at 10 a.m. Details pertaining to the virtual arrangements for the consultations will be circulated in due course.

I very much echo the co-facilitators' appeal for a spirit of compromise to help conclude the negotiations on modalities and allow us to organize this important session promptly before the end of the year.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Volkan Bozkir'.

Volkan BOZKIR

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



New York, 13 October 2020

H.E. Mr. Volkan Bozkir  
President of the General Assembly  
United Nations

Your Excellency,

We wish to convey to you our gratitude for your participation in the consultation on 7 October and for the new momentum you have given to our negotiations. We are also thankful for the active participation of delegations at the 9 October consultations and engagement since then, a testimony to the importance of this process and to reaching agreement on a text in a timely manner.

Throughout this process, we have listened to delegations and considered all comments received. With the revised resolution enclosed, we have sought to achieve a balance of the views expressed. After five rounds of productive consultations and numerous informal interactions, we would like to now appeal to the spirit of compromise to get us over the finish line. This way we can collectively focus on the substance of the 31<sup>st</sup> UNGA Special Session in response to COVID19.

We kindly request that your office circulate this letter along with this version of the draft resolution, in annex, to all delegations for their consideration. The next consultation will be held on **Thursday, 15 October, at 10:00am**. After which, we hope to present to you a final draft for consideration.

We thank you again for your trust and the kind assistance of your office in organizing these informal consultations. We remain at your disposal should you have any questions or further guidance.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration,

H.E. Mr. Yashar T. Aliyev  
Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan

H.E. Ms. Louise Blais  
Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada