

12 November 2020

Excellency,

I would like to acknowledge the letter dated 11 November 2020 from the Russian Federation, Algeria, the Republic of Burundi, the People's Republic of China, Cuba, Eritrea, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Nicaragua, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, in relation to the draft decision A/75/L.7/Rev.1 entitled "Procedure for decision-making in the General Assembly when an in-person meeting is not possible".

With the support and cooperation of Member States, I have continued work across the aisles on this topic. I am fully aware of the sensitivities as well as complexity of the issues at hand. I am encouraging you and all other colleagues to be cooperative, creative and to devise solutions that will enable the General Assembly to function effectively, and remain relevant, in the framework of the Charter and Rules of Procedure. The format, scope and characteristics of those solutions are to be decided by the membership of the Assembly through the tools at its disposition.

This draft decision has been put forward by a group of Member States (Liechtenstein, Austria, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Ghana, Iceland, Jamaica, Malta, New Zealand, Qatar, Sweden and Switzerland) and it is currently cosponsored by more than forty delegations.

The draft decision has been submitted under agenda item 126 of the General Assembly, entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly", which is scheduled to be considered by the Plenary on Thursday 12 November 2020 in the afternoon session.

In accordance with Rule 74 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, it is open to a delegation, during the discussion of any matter, to request the adjournment of the debate on the item under discussion. In addition to the proposer of the motion, two representatives may speak in favour of, and two against, the motion, after which the motion shall be immediately put to the vote.

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As President of the General Assembly, in the exercise of my functions, I remain under the authority of the General Assembly, in accordance with Rule 36 of the Rules of Procedure, and therefore it is up to the membership to decide on the postponement of the consideration of any draft decision or resolution.

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



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