

30 November 2020

Excellency,

Sequel to our letter dated 19 November 2020, we have the honour to circulate an updated programme for a joint informal high-level meeting of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the World Summit on Social Development, to be held in person, in the General Assembly hall, at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 1 December 2020 under the theme: ***“Re-setting Inclusive Social Policies for Resilience to Build Back Better from COVID-19 Crisis: Addressing inequalities in access to basic services and infrastructure”***.

Furthermore, 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, similar to those for the Main Committee meetings, are put in place:

- Access to the meeting will be restricted to delegates (one delegate per Member State and one delegate each from Holy See, the State of Palestine and the European Union) and staff members of the United Nations Secretariat;
- Access to the General Assembly Hall will require a regular delegate’s pass and the secondary color-coded access card that has been provided to the Permanent Missions;
- It is expected that delegates will start arriving on premises early enough and enter the building through the delegates’ entrance. Delegates will be requested to maintain physical distancing of at least 2 meters while waiting to access the GA Hall;
- By swiping their United Nations issued ID card on entry, all delegates and support staff will declare as a condition of their entry that they: a) have not been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days; b) have not had symptoms consistent with COVID-19 in the last 14 days; c) have not had close contact with someone with COVID-19 or symptoms consistent with COVID-19 in the last 14 days, and d) have completed quarantine if in the last 14 days they have arrived from a country or US state that is considered elevated risk;

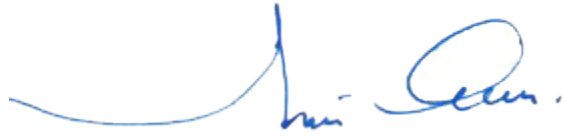
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- The seating plan has been slightly amended to ensure physical distancing and delegates shall remain in their seats at all times;
- All statements will be made by delegations from their national seats and delegates will be required to wear face coverings except for when addressing the meeting;
- All delegates will be requested to maintain social distancing of at least 2 meters, to refrain from physical contact, including handshakes and other physical contact, during the meetings in recognition of the physical distancing requirements;
- The Secretary will actively manage the exit by calling each row for departure in a staggered manner;
- The proceedings of the meeting will be webcast live and on-demand on UN Web TV, allowing representatives of intergovernmental organizations and other entities having received a standing invitation to participate as observers to do so through webcast.

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



Volkan BOZKIR



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**Joint informal high-level meeting of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the World Summit on Social Development**

Theme: **“Re-setting Inclusive Social Policies for Resilience to build back better from COVID-19 crisis: Addressing inequalities in access to basic services and infrastructure”**

Tuesday, 1 December 2020, General Assembly Hall

<b>11.30</b>	<b>Meeting is called to order</b>
<b>11:31</b>	<b>Opening Statements by:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ H.E. Mr. Volkan Bozkir, President of the General Assembly of the United Nations</li><li>○ H.E. Mr. Munir AKRAM, President of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations</li><li>○ H.E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations</li><li>○ H.E. Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs</li><li>○ H.E. Ms. María del Carmen Squeff, Chair-designate of the Commission for Social Development</li><li>○ H.E. Mr. Danilo Türk, President of the World Leadership Alliance - Club de Madrid (pre-recorded video statement)</li></ul>
<b>12:05</b>	<b>Statements by the Chairs of regional groups</b>
<b>Followed by</b>	<b>Closing remarks by President of General Assembly and President of ECOSOC</b>