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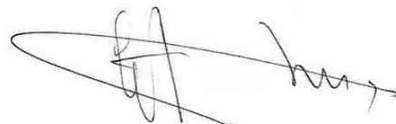
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Excellency,

I am writing to inform you of the status of work of the Fifth Committee. Although progress has been made on several items, as a result of the special circumstances generated by the pandemic of COVID-19 and the virtual negotiations, there are a number of critical time-bound items where work is still ongoing. These include the consideration of a number of budgetary items where action is required to finance operations in 2021 for the United Nations regular budget, the special political missions, the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, and the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur.

Given the current situation as we approach the conclusion of our work, it is evident that the Committee requires time beyond 23 December 2020 to continue consultations with the view to reach the broadest possible agreement on the remaining time-bound questions. My colleagues on the Bureau and I are of the view that this additional time would facilitate reaching consensus on the pending resolutions before the Committee. Every effort is being made to ensure the Committee concludes its work soonest.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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