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Excellency,

I have the pleasure to invite you to an informal plenary meeting of the General Assembly, in order to initiate a dialogue on the follow-up to the intergovernmental declaration on UN75, which was adopted by consensus on 21 September last.

I have invited the Secretary-General to engage in our discussion in order for him to outline his vision for a reinvigorated multilateralism and to present how he intends to implement the mandate given to him by the General Assembly, i.e “to report back before the end of the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly with recommendations to advance our common agenda and to respond to current and future challenges”. This follows his letter of 8 October 2020, in which the Secretary-General indicated his willingness to exchange ideas with Member States in the coming months.

The meeting will take place in the GA Hall on Tuesday, 15 December 2020, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In order to allow for a fair and broad participation of delegations to the debate, interventions should be limited to 3 minutes for Member States and to 5 minutes for groups of states. Statements could focus on the following issues:

1. How can the General Assembly contribute to the implementing mandate given to the Secretary-General in order to deliver on the various commitments made in the UN75 Declaration?

2. In the context of this mandate, how can Member States contribute over the months to come to reinvigorating multilateralism and global governance in order to meet current and future challenges in an effective and sustainable way?

3. What are the implications of these questions for the United Nations? What existing or newly created tools should be made available? How can those tools be effective and best adapted to tackle current and future challenges?

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4. What steps could be taken in order to ensure a significant involvement of all relevant stakeholders, including youth and civil society? How can a synergy between the various processes, generated by a fruitful year of dialogues and surveys, be achieved?

5. What would be the best timeline for an inclusive and result oriented process?

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

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