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Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that, following the request from Member States at the last meeting of the General Assembly on COVID-19 related business continuity issues, I will convene informal plenary meetings of the Assembly on this subject on a monthly basis. The next such meeting of the General Assembly will be held on Thursday, 4 March 2021, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., in the General Assembly Hall, UN Headquarters.

The meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss business continuity issues with the Secretariat relating to use of UN Headquarters, as well as to hear an update from the Host Country on the status of health conditions related to COVID-19 pandemic and access to vaccines. Given the importance of this discussion, I encourage your personal participation in the informal meeting.

To assist in better planning of the busy months ahead, and following the request from Member States, I have the further honour to circulate a list of the scheduled meetings of the General Assembly and related processes up until 31 March 2021. The schedule of the General Assembly plenary is published daily in the *UN journal* and regularly updated at the General Assembly website: <https://www.un.org/en/ga/info/meetings/75schedule.shtml>.

Herein, I would also like to take the opportunity and reiterate the request from the Secretariat and encourage Permanent Missions to report any COVID-19 cases amongst the members of their delegations to the United Nations reporting portal (osh@un.org) as soon as possible, to enable immediate action on contact tracing and testing.

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



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Schedule of the General Assembly plenary and related meetings	
Date	Topic
Friday, 19 February 2021 10 a.m. - Virtual	<p>Informal consultation related to resolution 74/298 on the review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 67/290 on the high-level political forum on sustainable development, 70/299 on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level and 72/305 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council (<i>to be held remotely without physical presence</i>)</p> <p>[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 12 February 2021, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]</p>
Tuesday, 23 February 2021 10 a.m. General Assembly Hall	<p>Plenary meeting</p> <p>1. The situation in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine [item 65]</p> <p><i>Debate</i></p> <p>2. Report of the Economic and Social Council [item 9]: draft decision (A/75/L.58)</p> <p><i>Action on the draft decision</i></p> <p>[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 1 February 2021, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]</p>
Wednesday, 24 February 2021 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. General Assembly Hall	<p>Informal meeting of the plenary to hear a briefing by the Secretary-General on the Call to Action for Human Rights</p> <p>[Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 1 February 2021 and 16 February 2021, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]</p>

Thursday, 25 February 2021 10 a.m. <i>virtual</i>	<p>Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly <i>(to be held remotely without physical presence)</i></p> <p>Thematic debate on the role and authority of the General Assembly</p> <p>[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 3 February 2021, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]</p>
Friday, 26 February 2021 10 a.m. – General Assembly Hall	<p>Informal consultation related to resolution 74/298 on the review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 67/290 on the high-level political forum on sustainable development, 70/299 on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level and 72/305 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council</p>
Tuesday, 2 March 2021 10 a.m. - General Assembly Hall	<p>High-level panel discussion to brief on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic (resolution 74/169)</p> <p>[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 16 February 2021, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]</p>
Wednesday, 3 March 2021 10 a.m. - General Assembly Hall	<p>Plenary meeting</p> <p>The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict [item 33]</p>
Thursday, 4 March 2021 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – General Assembly Hall	<p>Informal Meeting of the plenary on COVID-19 related business continuity issues</p>
Friday, 5 March 2021 – 10 a.m. – General Assembly Hall	<p>Informal meeting of the plenary to hear a briefing on the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy</p>
Thursday, 11 March 2021 10 a.m. - <i>virtual</i>	<p>Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly <i>(to be held remotely without physical presence)</i></p>

	<p>Thematic debate on the Office of the President of the General Assembly</p> <p>[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 3 February 2021, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]</p>
<p>Friday, 12 March 2021 3 p.m. – General Assembly Hall</p>	<p>Informal consultation related to resolution 74/298 on the review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 67/290 on the high-level political forum on sustainable development, 70/299 on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level and 72/305 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council</p>
<p>Tuesday, 16 March 2021 10 a.m. and 3 pm. General Assembly Hall</p>	<p>Informal meeting (closed) of the plenary on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council</p> <p>Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for the meeting on Tuesday, 16 March, are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs (e-mail: galindo@un.org).</p> <p>[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 9 February 2021, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]</p>
<p>Wednesday, 17 March 2021 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. - General Assembly Hall</p>	<p>Informal meeting (closed) of the plenary on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council</p> <p>This will be interactive in nature and will not have a prepared list of speakers.</p> <p>[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 9 February 2021, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]</p>

Thursday, 18 March 2021 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. - General Assembly Hall	<p>High-level meeting on the "Implementation of the water-related goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda" (resolution 73/226)</p> <p>[Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 19 January 2021 and 15 February 2021, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]</p>
Friday, 19 March 2021 10 a.m. - General Assembly Hall	<p>Plenary meeting</p> <p>Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance [item 70]: <i>annual commemorative meeting during the commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</i> (resolution 75/237)</p>
Friday, 19 March 2021 3 p.m. – General Assembly Hall	<p>Informal consultation related to resolution 74/298 on the review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 67/290 on the high-level political forum on sustainable development, 70/299 on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level and 72/305 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council</p>
Thursday, 25 March 2021 10 a.m. - General Assembly Hall	<p>Plenary meeting</p> <p>Commemoration of the abolition of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade [item 124]: <i>commemorative meeting of the General Assembly to mark the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade</i> (resolution 73/345)</p>
Thursday, 25 March 2021 3 p.m. - General Assembly Hall	<p>Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly</p> <p>Interactive dialogue between permanent missions and the Secretariat and briefing on the Secretary-General's analysis on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 3 February 2021, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]</p>

<p>Tuesday, 30 March 2021 10 a.m. – General Assembly Hall</p>	<p>Informal meeting of the plenary to hear a briefing by the Secretary-General on the situation in the Syrian Arab republic, including developments on the implementation of resolution 2254 (2015), on the humanitarian situation and on human rights (resolution 75/193).</p>
<p>Wednesday, 31 March 2021 10 a.m. – General Assembly Hall</p>	<p>Informal consultation related to resolution 74/298 on the review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 67/290 on the high-level political forum on sustainable development, 70/299 on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level and 72/305 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council</p>

Note: There will be a meeting on Midterm Review of the International Decade for People of African Descent in March (date-TBC).