13 April 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 12 April 2021, from H.E. Ms. Egriselda Aracely González López, Permanent Representative of El Salvador and H.E. Mr. Michal Mlynár, Permanent Representative of Slovakia, the co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group (AHWG) on Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly, regarding the thematic debate on Working methods of the General Assembly. The meeting will be virtual and hosted on the remote simultaneous interpretation platform Interprefy, as well as being webcast in all six official languages.

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

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New York
Excellency,

We have the honour to address you in our capacity as Co-chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly (AHWG) during the 75th Session of the General Assembly.

As indicated in our letters of 3 February and 22 February 2021, the thematic debate on the working methods of the General Assembly will be held on Wednesday, 14 April 2021 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (if necessary). The meeting will be hosted on the remote simultaneous interpretation platform Interprefy and also streamed on UN Webcast in all six UN official languages.

In accordance with resolution 73/341, which was reaffirmed in resolution 74/303, this thematic debate will feature briefings from the Chairs and representatives of the six Main Committees of the General Assembly. In addition, the Chef de Cabinet of the President of the General Assembly will brief the Member States on behalf of the President of the General Assembly in his capacity as the Chair of the General Committee.

The briefings will be followed by a question-and-answer segment, and after this interactive exchange, delegations will have the opportunity to deliver general statements.

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the working methods of the General Assembly and its main Committees faced the particular challenge to adapt to evolving circumstances. This thematic debate represents an opportunity to look back at what has been learned and further identify practices that can be improved and strengthened and for which, the Co-chairs look forward to an active engagement and participation.

Delegations wishing to take the floor are kindly requested to send an e-mail to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail: galindo@un.org) indicating in which segment they would like to speak.

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Links to the *Interprefy* platform, as well as to UN Webcast, will be sent to all delegations prior to the meeting. It is up to individual delegations to decide if they wish to join the meeting on the *Interprefy* platform or to follow the proceedings on UN Webcast or both (The *Interprefy* platform has sufficient capacity available for all delegations to join the meeting.)

In view of the limited time of the thematic debates, we kindly suggest to delegations to limit their statements to 5 minutes, with the exception of statements made on behalf of a group of delegations, which can be extended to 7 minutes. To facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to email their statements to estatements@un.org at least 1 hour in advance of their delivery indicating the title of the AHWG in the subject line.

In order to facilitate smooth proceedings, test calls will be possible on the *Interprefy* platform from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. We would be grateful if delegates sign on early to make sure everything is working technically well before the meeting begins. Kindly bear in mind that audio quality is highly important for interpreters, for which it is recommendable to use appropriate headsets with microphones and good bandwidth connection when making statements during the meeting.

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

Egriselda López  
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Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations

Michal Mlynár  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the United Nations