

12 April 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to my letter dated 9 April 2021 regarding the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on HIV/AIDS, to be held from 8 to 10 June 2021 in the General Assembly Hall at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/260 entitled "Organization of the 2021 high-level meeting on HIV/AIDS".

In line with operative paragraph 2 (c) of resolution 75/260, based on an assessment of the COVID-19 health conditions and following consultations with the General Committee, I have the further honor to enclose herewith a draft decision to allow prerecorded statements during the general debate of the High-level Meeting. The draft decision, to be issued as A/75/L.74, will be presented for the General Assembly's consideration at its plenary meeting to be held on Friday, 16 April 2021, at 10:30 a.m., under agenda item 10 entitled "Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the political declarations on HIV/AIDS".

Further information regarding the format of the High-level Meeting, including the informal interactive panel discussions to be held consecutively with the general debate, will be communicated in due course.

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

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All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations New York

Draft decision submitted by the President of the General Assembly

Participation in the 2021 high-level meeting on HIV/AIDS

The General Assembly, recalling its resolution 75/260 of 23 February 2021 on the high-level meeting on HIV/AIDS, noting with concern the situation regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, and noting that there are certain limitations in place on access to the United Nations premises as precautionary measures aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19, including quarantine requirements:

(a) Decides that Member States and observers of the General Assembly, in line with paragraph 2 (a) (ii) of its resolution 75/260, may submit a pre-recorded statement by their Head of State or Government, head of delegation or other dignitary, which will be played in the General Assembly Hall during the general debate of the high-level meeting, after introduction by their representative who is physically present in the Assembly Hall;

(b) Also decides that, in addition to the verbatim records of the high-level meeting, the President of the General Assembly will circulate as a document of the Assembly a compilation document of the statements delivered by means of pre-recorded statements during the high-level meeting and submitted to the President no later than the day on which the pre-recorded statement is played in the Assembly Hall, and that such pre-recorded statements will be attached to the verbatim records of the meeting.