



31 March 2021

Excellency,

Further to my letter of 19 February 2021 regarding the election of the next President of the General Assembly, and in accordance with resolution 71/323, I have the honour to inform you that the informal interactive dialogues with the candidates will be held on 6 May at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

The General Assembly, in its subsequent resolution 73/341, requested the dialogues to be organized as a question and answer session with targeted and relevant questions that serve as a follow-up to the vision statements of the candidates.

The annex to the present letter contains the format for the informal interactive dialogues. Any further updates will be published in the UN Journal and updated on the dedicated page on my website <https://www.un.org/pga/75/pga76-election/>.

As conveyed in my letter of 27 January 2021, the election of the President of the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly will be held on 7 June 2021 at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

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

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ANNEX

Informal interactive dialogues with candidates for the position of the President of the General Assembly

In its resolution 71/323, the General Assembly decided to conduct informal interactive dialogues with candidates for the position of President of the General Assembly, thus contributing to the transparency and inclusivity of the process, and called upon candidates to present to the Assembly their vision statements.

The General Assembly, in its subsequent resolution 73/341, requested the dialogues to be organized as a question and answer session with targeted and relevant questions that serve as a follow-up to the vision statements of the candidates, and draw on the plans and priorities of each candidate for his or her term.

The proposed format for the informal interactive dialogue with the candidates for the position of the President of the 76th session of the General Assembly are as follows:

- The dialogues will be presided over by the President of the General Assembly and last up to three hours.
- The dialogue will begin with an introduction by the candidate of vision and priorities for the Presidency (up to 10 minutes), followed by an interactive exchange.
- Member States are encouraged to ask concise questions, with interventions not exceeding 2 minutes for individual delegations and 3 minutes for groups.
- Interventions from Member States will be on a first-come, first-served basis, bearing in mind requests from groups.
- The candidates will be given the opportunity to respond to questions at regular intervals during the dialogues.
- The candidates will have the opportunity to respond to questions from other stakeholders, including questions to be selected from questions received through the website of the President of the General Assembly prior to the dialogues.
- In line with the overall objective of increasing the transparency and inclusivity of the process, the informal interactive dialogues will be webcast.

In case we receive further candidatures, the format will be replicated for all informal interactive dialogues in order to provide equal opportunities to candidates.