



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

28 May 2021

Excellency,

I have the honor to circulate herewith the final program of the Special Session of the General Assembly on Challenges and Measures to Prevent and Combat Corruption and Strengthen International Cooperation, to be held from 2 to 4 June 2021 at United Nations Headquarters, in New York, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 73/191 and 74/276, as well as decisions 74/568 and 75/562 entitled “Special session of the General Assembly against corruption”.

In this regard, I have the honor to inform you that, in order to ensure the smooth conduct of proceedings and seize the momentum of adoption of the declaration and high-level participants of the general debate, I intend to proceed with the general debate immediately following the opening segment. Item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda entitled “Report of the Credentials Committee” will be considered by the Assembly at the end of the first day at around 5:30 p.m., on Wednesday, 2 June 2021.

Further to my letter dated 21 May 2021 regarding representatives from non-governmental organizations that are not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to make a statement, time permitting, at the plenary meeting in accordance with the General Assembly resolution 74/276 and its operative paragraph 2 (c), I would like to confirm that Mr. Maurice Nyambe, Executive Director of Transparency International Zambia, and Ms. Cynthia Gabriel, Founder and Executive Director of Centre to Combat Corruption & Cronyism, will be added to the list of speakers for the plenary.

Furthermore, I was informed that Dr. Andreas Hoffmann, General Counsel and Head of Siemens Legal and Compliance, Siemens AG is not able to participate in the Special Session. In this regard, I invited Dr. Adesola Kazeem Adeduntan, Chief Executive Officer of First Bank of Nigeria to make a statement at the plenary meeting, time permitting, as a representative from private sector, in accordance with the General Assembly resolution 74/276.

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

In addition to the virtual high-level supporting event organized by my Office on “Addressing corruption in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic”, to be held on Thursday, 3 June 2021, from 1:30 p.m.– 2:45 p.m., please note that 38 virtual side events, organized by Governments, Departments and Agencies of the United Nations, Intergovernmental and Non-Governmental Organizations and UNODC, will be held online from Tuesday, 1 June, to Friday, 4 June 2021, on the margins of the Special Session. Further information is available at UNODC website for UNGASS (<https://ungass2021.unodc.org/ungass2021/en/side-events.html>), as well as PGA website: (<https://www.un.org/pga/75/wp-content/uploads/sites/100/2021/05/High-level-supporting-event-on-the-margins-of-32nd-UNGASS.pdf>).

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



Volkan BOZKIR

Special Session of the General Assembly on Challenges and Measures to Prevent and Combat Corruption and Strengthen International Cooperation

2-4 June 2021, General Assembly Hall, United Nations Headquarters, New York

Programme

Wednesday, 2 June 2021

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Opening Segment

Minute of silent prayer or meditation

Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

Election of the President of the Special Session

Statements by:

- H.E. Mr. Volkan BOZKIR, President of the General Assembly
- H.E. Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
- H.E. Mr. Munir Akram, President of the Economic and Social Council
- H.E. Dr. Harib Saeed Al Amini, President of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption
- Ms. Ghada Waly, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- Ms. Serena Ibrahim, Youth Forum representative, founder of Youth against Corruption.

Organization of the special session

Adoption of the agenda

Adoption of the political declaration (A/S-32/L.1).

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

General Debate

Statements by:

- Member States,
- States and regional economic integration organizations parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption,
- Observers to the General Assembly

- Other stakeholders (time permitting) ¹

Note: the mandated time limit for statements is five minutes for individual delegations and seven minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States.

3:00 p.m.-
around 5:30 p.m.

General Debate continued

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Report of the Credentials Committee.

Thursday, 3 June 2021

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

General Debate continued

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

General Debate continued

Friday, 4 June 2021

10:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m.

General Debate continued

3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

General Debate continued

5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Minute of silent prayer or meditation

Closing of the special session.

¹ Representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council or other relevant representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector, attending in accordance with resolution 74/276.