

19 May 2021

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 17 May 2021, I have the honour to inform you that, due to an overwhelming interest of delegations to participate in the General Assembly joint debate under agenda items 37 entitled "The situation in the Middle East" and 38 entitled "Question of Palestine" on Thursday, 20 May 2021, the time for the plenary meeting has been extended. The debate will now take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall, UN Headquarters. Conference Room 4 will serve as an overflow room for the meeting.

I have decided that Ministerial and high-level participants will be accommodated in a 1+1 format at the meeting. High-level speakers will also be able to use the rostrum in the General Assembly Hall.

In light of large number of speakers in the debate, I rely on delegations' cooperation in delivering concise statements.

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

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