



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

29 July 2021

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 21 July 2021, I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from H.E. Ms. Ammo Aziza Baroud, Permanent Representative of Chad to the United Nations and H.E. Mr. Rodrigo A. Carazo, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations, the co-facilitators who led consultations on the modalities, format, and the substantive and procedural aspects of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent, regarding the proposed revision of the text of the draft resolution issued as A/75/L.119.

The General Assembly will consider the draft resolution A/75/L.119, to be revised orally in line with the recommendations from the co-facilitators, at the plenary meeting scheduled for today, 29 July 2021, at 10 a.m., in the General Assembly Hall.

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

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Volkan BOZKIR

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



28 July 2021

Excellency,

As co-facilitators appointed to lead consultations on the modalities, format and the substantive and procedural aspects of the Permanent Forum of People of African Descent, we have the honour to refer to the letter of 21 July 2021, in which the final version of the draft resolution entitled “Establishment of the Permanent Forum of People of African Descent” was shared with the Office of the President of the General Assembly.

In this regard, we would like to inform you that we have received a request for a revision by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, prepared in consultation with the Human Rights Council team, to modify part of the language on the operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution A/75/L.119. The modification consists in replacing the phrase in that paragraph which describes the appointment of 5 members of the Permanent Forum, “...nominated by organizations of people of African descent to be selected and appointed in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Human Rights Council”, by the phrase *“to be appointed by the President of the Human Rights Council following consultation with the Bureau and the regional groups through their coordinators, on the basis of broad consultations with organizations of people of African descent”*.

This proposal is based on previously agreed language of ECOSOC resolution 2000/22, and seeks to solve a potential problem of interpretation by the Human Rights Council of the current language. It clarifies that it will be the President of the Human Rights Council, who shall appoint half of the members of the Permanent Forum among organizations of people of African descent, following the rules of procedure of the Council regarding the nomination of independent experts.

We would also like to inform you that the request of a revision by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights extends to slightly modify the language on the operative paragraph 9 of the draft resolution A/75/L.119, which requests the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner to support the Forum, adding the phrase *“to strengthen substantive support to the Forum and to provide the Forum.....”*, which is a subject of crucial importance to secure adequate support to the new expert body.

His Excellency  
Mr. Volkan Bozkir  
President of the General Assembly  
United Nations  
New York

The revisions will therefore serve the purpose supported by Member States during the informal consultations regarding the composition of the Permanent Forum, while at the same time making clearer the role of the President of the Human Rights Council, and the process itself, as well as ensuring the indispensable stronger substantive Secretariat support for the mechanism.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration

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**Ammo Aziza Baroud**, Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Chad to the UN

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**Rodrigo A. Carazo**, Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the UN