



7 July 2021

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith, a letter from His Excellency Mr. Abdullah Shahid, President-elect of the seventy-sixth session of the United Nations General Assembly, regarding the theme of the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly.

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

Volkan BOZKIR

All Permanent Representatives and
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New York



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Excellency,

As you are aware, pursuant to General Assembly Resolution 58/126 titled, “Revitalisation of the work of the General Assembly”, the President-elect of the General Assembly suggests an issue, or issues, of global concern upon which Member States will be invited to comment during the General Debate at the forthcoming session of the Assembly.

Reeling in the wake of a pandemic that has devastated lives, destroyed economies, and deprived communities, the world desperately needs a stronger and more effective United Nations, to bring together the best of humanity, to rebuild communities, rescue the planet, recover economies, and restore hope. As such, I have decided that the theme for the 76th session of the General Assembly including the General Debate will be:

“Building resilience through hope – to recover from COVID19, rebuild sustainably, respond to the needs of the planet, respect the rights of people, and revitalise the United Nations”

I would encourage Member States to consider incorporating this theme into their activities, meetings, side events as well as other events that would be organised by the United Nations and its agencies throughout the 76th session of the General Assembly. Let us all work together to deliver for people, for the planet, and, for prosperity.

I would be most grateful if you could kindly circulate this letter to all Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations.

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

Abdulla Shahid
President-Elect of the 76th session of
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