

14 July 2021

Excellency,

As announced in my letter dated 12 July 2021, and building on the proposals contained in my letter dated 23 June 2021, I have the pleasure to communicate hereby the results of my consultations with Members States, the Secretariat and the Host Country regarding the practical arrangements for in-person participation for the high-level week of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly.

i) *Level of representation:* It is up to each delegation to determine the level of representation for the general debate, including attending in-person or sending a pre-recorded video.

ii) *Planning assumptions and principles:* The primary consideration continues to be the health and safety of all participants and the local community in New York City. It is imperative to avoid overcrowding in the UN Headquarters. While in the UN Headquarters, all delegates will be required to continue to wear masks and maintain social distance when interacting with other delegations or staff. Anyone presenting symptoms related to COVID-19 should stay home and avoid contact with people attending the UN high level week. Delegations are particularly encouraged to fully familiarize themselves with the guidance, including for international travel, and all recommendations in place from the relevant Host Country authorities to minimize the risks related to COVID-19.

iii) *Limitations on numbers:* Member States, Observers States and the European Union will be issued a limited number of passes for delegates to access the UN Headquarters (1+6). Numbers in the General Assembly Hall will be further restricted (1+3). Permanent observers will also access to both UN Headquarters and General Assembly Hall.

iv) *Bilateral booths:* As indicated in my previous letter dated 23 June 2021, the Secretariat is making arrangements to provide bilateral booths.

v) *Side events:* No side events will take place at the UN Headquarters during the high-level week of the 76th session. All side events should be held off-site or virtually.

vi) *Other mandates:* I continue to encourage high-level meetings to be convened, as much as possible, so as to avoid overlap with the general debate.

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vii) Vaccination status: Building on the experience with the pilot project for the General Assembly Hall and the high-level events that have taken place since then, as well as the effective mitigation measures taken by the delegations themselves, an honour system related to vaccination status is now in place and should also apply to the high-level week.

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



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