

7 July 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that I received the attached letter from the Permanent Representatives of Canada, Denmark, the State of Qatar, the Republic of Korea and the Republic of Sierra Leone, on behalf of the Co-Chairs of the Group of Friends of Solidarity for Global Health Security, requesting the holding of an informal meeting of the General Assembly to allow the Independent Panel for Preparedness and Response (IPPPR) to brief the membership on their findings and recommendations, as contained in their final report, available at <https://theindependentpanel.org/mainreport/#download-main-report>.

In this regard, I intend to convene an informal plenary meeting of the General Assembly on Wednesday, 28 July 2021, at 3 p.m., in the General Assembly Hall, UN Headquarters.

Please note that there will be no pre-determined list of speakers for this meeting. Due to limited time available for the meeting, delegations are encouraged to present regional and other group statements of up to three minutes.

For further information, your office may contact Ms. Narmin Ahangari, Adviser for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Team (narmin.ahangari@un.org).

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



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**PERMANENT MISSION OF DENMARK
TO THE UN IN NEW YORK**
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark



16 June 2021

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Excellency,

On behalf of the Co-Chairs of the Group of Friends of Solidarity for Global Health Security, we have the honour to cordially request you to convene an informal meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations, at your earliest convenience, which would allow the Independent Panel for Preparedness and Response (IPPPR) to have a briefing on their findings and recommendations, as contained in the IPPPR final report.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has exploited a world in disarray with catastrophic health, economic, and social consequences, the current discussions on global health security is developing rapidly with the wide scope of its agenda: sustainable and predictable financing, strong surveillance systems and laboratory capacity, civic and community engagement, investment in vaccine and therapy development, an international framework for health emergency preparedness and response, new international treaties, and enhanced political leadership at the highest level.

In light of such discussions, we hosted the PR-level meeting of the Group of Friends of Solidarity for Global Health Security on 18 May 2021, together with the Independent Panel for Preparedness and Response (IPPPR), the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board (GPMB), and the World Health Organization (WHO). During this meeting, the IPPPR, established in July 2020 by the WHO Director General, presented its main report entitled “COVID-19: Make it the Last Pandemic,” which was later presented during the 74th World Health Assembly (May 24-June 1, Geneva). The Panel has been analyzing the collected evidence to build upon the lessons learned of the past year, identifying the wider health and socio-economic impacts of the pandemic.

We firmly believe that an informal meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations would serve as a timely opportunity for Member States to review pandemic response and preparedness as well as to discuss the near- and long-term steps for the global community in response to the current global health security challenges, and in preparation for future ones.

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



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