



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

27 September 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to convey that I have received the attached letter and Annex from the Chef de Cabinet of the Secretary-General, Ms Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti, regarding the room capacity available for intergovernmental meetings during the main part of the 76th session.

While the arrangements for in-person meetings at United Nations Headquarters will be reviewed periodically, I welcome the decision of the Secretariat to increase the conference services available for in-person intergovernmental meetings at the UNHQ, including for informal negotiations.

I will continue to engage with Member States and the Secretariat to enable the General Assembly to effectively fulfil its mandate while ensuring the health and safety of delegations and UN personnel.

Delegations are reminded that, as set out in my letter of 16 September, the honour system related to vaccination status remains in place during the 76th session. All attendees are expected to wear a mask or face covering at all times when indoors, except when directly addressing a meeting.

Permanent Missions are strongly encouraged to report any COVID-19 cases amongst their delegations to the United Nations reporting portal ([osh@un.org](mailto:osh@un.org)) as soon as possible to enable immediate action on contact tracing and testing.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Abdulla Shahid', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Abdulla Shahid

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Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
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