



PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

22 November 2021

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 18 November 2021, I have the honour to circulate herewith a Concept Note and preliminary Program for the informal commemorative plenary meeting of the General Assembly to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) Programme and the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers under the theme of the 2022 State of the World's Volunteerism Report (SWVR), "*Volunteerism for building equal and inclusive societies*". The meeting will take place on Thursday, 2 December 2021, at 3 p.m., in the General Assembly Hall, UN Headquarters, in cooperation with the Permanent Missions of Brazil and Japan, as well as the UNV Programme.

Please note that in keeping with the format of such meetings, regional groups are invited to deliver statements.

For additional information, your office may contact Ms. DeAndra Cartwright, Adviser on Human Rights in the Office of the President of the General Assembly at [deandra.cartwright@un.org](mailto:deandra.cartwright@un.org).

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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