



PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

The 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly has accorded its first and foremost priority to focus on recovering from COVID-19. Equal access to effective and affordable vaccines is key to contain the current crisis and recover from COVID-19.

In response to addressing the constraints faced by countries in accessing COVID-19 vaccines, and to renew political commitment towards achieving global vaccination targets, I will be convening a High-level Meeting on the theme “**Galvanizing Momentum for Universal Vaccination**” on **Thursday, 13 January 2022**, at the General Assembly Hall, United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The meeting will provide Member States and other relevant stakeholders an opportunity to review existing challenges in vaccine production, and distribution and provide a platform to build synergies among existing strategies and initiatives aimed at bridging the vaccine gap as we approach end of 2022. The preliminary programme and other logistical information will be circulated in due course.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Abdulla Shahid', written in a cursive style.

Abdulla SHAHID

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