



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1 November 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the General Assembly resolution 75/283 of 7 June 2021, related to the modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the appraisal of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, to be held on 22 and 23 November 2021, at UN Headquarters, New York.

The two-day high-level meeting will consist of plenary meetings and two interactive panel discussions. According to the resolution, the interactive panel discussions will be held on 22 November 2021, in the afternoon, “each to be chaired by a Member State at the invitation of the President of the General Assembly, after consultations with regional groups”.

In line with this mandate, I intend to invite H.E. Mr. José Alfonso Blanco Conde, Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations to chair Interactive Panel Discussion-1, to be held from 3:00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., which will address the theme, “*The Global Plan of Action and enduring trafficking issues and gaps including, inter alia, the trafficking of women and children, particularly girls, for the purpose of sexual exploitation*” and H.E. Mr. Enrique Austria Manalo, Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations to chair the Interactive Panel Discussion-2, to be held from 4.30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., which will address the theme, “*The Global Plan of Action and emerging issues, such as trafficking in persons in the context of COVID-19, and the misuse of information and communication technologies to facilitate trafficking, including trafficking of children for the purpose of sexual exploitation on the Internet*”.

Ambassador Conde and Ambassador Manalo have served as co-facilitators of the intergovernmental negotiations on the Political Declaration for the High-Level Meeting and have preliminarily agreed to chair the interactive panel discussions and to present summaries of the discussions at the closing plenary meeting in accordance with operative paragraph 4 (c) of A/RES/75/283.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Abdulla Manalo', with a horizontal line underneath.

Abdulla SHAHID

Chairs of Regional Groups for the month of November 2021
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