



PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

28 September 2022

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 21 July 2022, it is my pleasure and honour to announce a call for applications for the President of the General Assembly Fellowship Programme during the 77th session of the General Assembly. The Programme is a continuation of the initiative launched by my predecessor, H. E. Mr. Abdulla Shahid, President of the 76th session of the General Assembly.

The critical role played by youth to find solutions to complex and interlinked challenges in the contemporary world, through solidarity, sustainability and science, has never been more acknowledged. The decision by the Member States to establish a new United Nations Office on Youth Affairs at the end of the last session is a clear demonstration of the importance attached to the subject matter. The PGA Fellowship Programme is fully in line with these recent trends and growing recognition of the potential of youth to contribute to global affairs and multilateralism.

With the generous support of many Member States, and building upon the experience gained from the inaugural programme during the 76th session, the Fellowship Programme will once again bring young diplomats and civil servants from developing countries, particularly from Least Developing Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS), to New York for training, mentorship, exposure and immersion in the United Nations, its main organs, subsidiary bodies, entities as well as thematic issues of global interest.

The Programme is designed to build lasting capacity and empower young diplomats and civil servants. The Fellows will rotate through the various teams in my Office to obtain a deeper understanding of the United Nations and multilateralism. A note containing details of the Fellowship Programme and the application process is attached to this letter. For the 77th session, the Programme will accept up to six

Fellows. Due consideration will be given to ensure gender equality and regional representation in the selection of Fellows.

As the Fellowship is expected to begin in January 2023, I have the honour to invite Permanent Missions to send applications as stipulated in the attached note to Mr. Shojiro Nishimura, Senior Adviser of the OPGA at nishimura@un.org, with a copy to opga@un.org, mentioning "Application for PGA Fellowship" in the subject, by 28 October 2022. My Office will be in touch with shortlisted candidates thereafter to carry forward the selection process.

I also wish to take this opportunity to reiterate my request for your political and financial support for the Programme. Contributions to the Trust Fund in support of the Office of the President of the General Assembly earmarked for the Fellowship Programme would be most welcome and highly appreciated.

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



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