



PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13 September 2022

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the letters of 19 July and 1 August 2022 circulated by the President of the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly concerning the preparation of the high-level meeting to mark the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities to be held on Wednesday, 21 September 2022, at 10 a.m., in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, at United Nations Headquarters.

In its resolution 76/168, the General Assembly recognized that while progress has been made, the situation of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities is critical in many parts of the world and many challenges remain to ensure the full enjoyment of their rights. The Assembly also acknowledged the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration as an occasion for States to reflect on implementation gaps and to take measures for the promotion and protection of the rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities.

In the spirit of this landmark commemoration, I encourage Member States to incorporate voluntary pledges related to the implementation of the Declaration into their statements to be delivered during the meeting. Member States may consult the guiding questions in the concept note of the high-level meeting to reflect on potential voluntary pledges. The statements delivered during the high-level meeting will be reflected in the summary of the discussions.

I have the further honour to remind delegations of the limited time available for the high-level meeting. Delegations are therefore requested to strictly observe the time limit of three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States.

For further information, your office may contact Ms. Sim Mellouh (sim.mellouh@un.org, +1 (646) 362 9523), or Ms. Eva Schafer (eva.schafer@un.org +1 (929) 990 3876) at my Office.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Csaba Kőrösi', is written above the printed name.

Csaba Kőrösi

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