



PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 73/341 of 16 September 2019, entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly", which has advocated for the improvement of accessibility in the United Nations Headquarters premises for persons with disabilities.

In this regard, building on the progress made in previous sessions, I have the pleasure to re-appoint H.E. Mr. Walton Alfonso Webson, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda, and H.E. Ms. Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Permanent Representative of the United States of America, as co-chairs of the Steering Committee on Accessibility.

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) is key to enabling persons with disabilities to live independently and participate fully in all aspects of life. The United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy provides the foundation for sustainable and transformative progress on disability inclusion. I believe it's our common obligation to make sure the UNHQ premises are accessible for persons with disabilities.

Accordingly, I intend to work closely with the Steering Committee throughout the session to identify concrete creative solutions to improve accessibility on the work of the General Assembly and, in an effort to bring greater coherence to the work of the General Assembly, I intend to invite the co-chairs to brief the General Committee on a regular basis.

I would like to thank Ambassador Webson and Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield for having accepted this very important responsibility. I trust that you will extend your full support and cooperation to them to improve accessibility in the United Nations.

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


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