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Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that I had decided to reestablish the President of the General Assembly's Advisory Board on Gender Equality which held its first meeting on 2 November 2022. The Advisory Board provides guidance and results-oriented recommendations on advancing gender equality within the work of the General Assembly, the United Nations and beyond. I will continue to work with the Board to facilitate gender mainstreaming throughout the processes and priorities of the 77th session of the General Assembly. The Advisory Board will also work towards concrete and measurable outcomes with a real impact on gender equality and women's empowerment.

In this regard, I have the pleasure to inform you that, following the recommendation of the Advisory Board and with the support of the Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, I have made available to all Permanent Missions and Permanent Observer Missions the UN online learning courses on gender equality and the prevention of sexual harassment. These courses, "I know Gender" and "United to Respect: Preventing sexual harassment and other prohibited conduct" are mandatory to all UN staff members.

I encourage all Permanent Missions and Permanent Observer Missions to the United Nations to invite their staff to complete these courses as part of our collective efforts to mainstream gender issues into the work of the General Assembly, and to promote a more equal, inclusive and respectful working environment at the United Nations Headquarters and beyond.

The online courses can be found at http://elearning.un.org. Further information about the courses and a step-by-step guide on accessing them online are herewith enclosed.

It is my hope that these learning programmes will contribute to further advancing a General Assembly that is guided by the principles of gender equality, inclusivity and mutual respect.

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

Csaba KŐRÖSI

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