

1 September 2023

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 77/335 adopted on 1 September 2023 under the agenda item, "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly". Paragraph 17 of the resolution partly reads,

"(d) Invites Member States and United Nations system entities to join the voluntary pledge, contained in annex II to the present resolution, to limit the number of side events held in parallel with or in the margins of the general debate, and requests the President of the General Assembly to circulate the pledge to Member States annually ahead of the general debate and to provide information on States that have signed the pledge on the website of the Office of the President;"

In this regard, it is my pleasure to attach to this letter the "Voluntary pledge on limiting side events" contained in the resolution as annex II, which includes the following:

"All Member States and observers of the General Assembly and United Nations system entities are invited to express their commitment to this voluntary pledge."

I strongly urge you to sign the pledge. For those States and Observers which have signed the pledge, please send an electronic copy of the signed pledge to Mr. Shojiro Nishimura of my Office at nishimura@un.org, copying opga@un.org.

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

Csaba Kőrösi

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