

Annex II

Voluntary pledge on limiting side events

Recognizing the high number of side events held in the margins of the general debate of the General Assembly which, prior to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, exceeded 400 events in a single session,

Welcoming the acknowledgement by the General Assembly in its resolution [75/325](#) of 10 September 2021, and in previous resolutions on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, of the urgent need to preserve the primacy, significance and established practice of the general debate of the General Assembly,

Stressing the need to limit the number of high-level events held in the margins of the general debate,

We, the signatories, pledge:

1. To voluntarily limit the number of side events hosted, sponsored or co-sponsored by our delegations in the margins of the general debate;
2. To consult, as much as possible, other delegations when planning side events to identify events on similar topics or issues in an effort to minimize overlap and avoid duplication;
3. To provide details, as appropriate, of any side events organized by our delegations in a timely fashion to the Secretariat for inclusion in the *Journal of the United Nations*;
4. To apply the above commitments to all side events, regardless of format, which may include virtual events and those organized outside of United Nations Headquarters.

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

Furthermore, the President of the General Assembly is requested to make available a copy of this voluntary pledge on the website of the Office of the President, including maintaining an updated list of signatories.

Signature : _____

Date : _____

Name (print) : _____

Title : _____

Affiliation/State
/Organization : _____