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Message to all stakeholders

The United Nations is an international platform meant to represent the voices of "we the peoples", an inclusive space where the views of all stakeholders should be taken on board.

It is my hope that during my Presidency, we will continue to implement measures to enhance the meaningful participation of all stakeholders at the United Nations, particularly on the General Assembly related processes.

I am cognisant that stakeholders' contributions are essential to complement the work of Member States at the General Assembly, and that they are better positioned to act as catalysts for impactful change and strategic advice.

I have invited the co-facilitators and co-chairs appointed during my Presidency to ensure that all relevant stakeholders participate and engage meaningfully in the consultations under their leadership.

I have also launched a "ASKPGA" platform in my website to further engage with the public so they can pose important questions on matters that underpin the work of the organization.

In line with the mandates assigned to my Office by the General Assembly, I will work closely with the UN Secretariat to explore ways to ensure that all the General Assembly processes during this session are inclusive and transparent. I will also seek opportunities to frequently engage directly with stakeholders, including during my official travels.

Furthermore, to facilitate a direct communication with all stakeholders I have designated two focal points in my office, **Ms. Maipelo Phale**, Special Assistant to Chef de Cabinet, and Liaison for CSOs & Other Major Stakeholder Engagement (<u>maipelo.phale@un.org</u>) and **Ms. Nhat Hong Nguyen**, Adviser at the Human Rights & Humanitarian Affairs Team (<u>nhat. nguyen1@unorg</u>).

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