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Excellency,

I would like to inform you that I have started the process of selecting and appointing the co-chairs and co-facilitators for the intergovernmental processes during the 80th session of the General Assembly.

In its resolution 77/335, the General Assembly strongly encouraged the President of the General Assembly, supported by the membership, to achieve gender parity across all the cochairs and co-facilitators appointed for intergovernmental processes. The General Assembly further encouraged the President of the General Assembly to continue the practice of selecting one representative from a developed country and one representative from a developing country when appointing two co-chairs or co-facilitators.

In this regard and while noting that achieving gender parity as provided for in resolution 77/335 is challenging given that currently only about a fifth of the 193 Member States are represented by a female Permanent Representative at the United Nations in New York, I invite Permanent Representatives, in particular female Permanent Representatives, to express their interest in serving as co-chair or co-facilitator for an intergovernmental process during the 80th session.

For expressions of interest please reach out to my Chef de Cabinet by Friday, 24 October 2025.

Furthermore, you might consider sharing the low percentage of female Permanent Representatives currently at the United Nations with your capitals in light of resolution 77/335.

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

Annalena Baerbock

All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations New York