



CONCEPT NOTE

High-Level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate and promote the International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace

24 April 2019

Overview

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 73/127 on the International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace, the President of the General Assembly will convene a one-day high-level plenary meeting to commemorate and promote the International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace on Wednesday, 24 April 2019, in the General Assembly Hall.

Background

Preserving the values of multilateralism and international cooperation, which underpin the UN Charter and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, is fundamental to promote and support the three pillars of the UN - peace and security, development and human rights.

The international norms, rules-based-system that have steered nations through seven decades must rise to meet the mounting challenges of protectionism and isolationism. Global issues such as climate change, geopolitical tensions, humanitarian and migratory crises are cross-cutting, implicating the values and interests of nations and necessitate collective attention and action. Technological advancement has also impacted the political and socio-economic landscape and inter-state relations.

Commitment to multilateralism and international peace and security was also reaffirmed by most world leaders in the General Debate in September 2018. This commitment was also reinforced in the discussion during the High-level Dialogue on Renewing the Commitment to Multilateralism on 31 October 2018. It is pivotal now to continue addressing this issue and to reaffirm our commitment to multilateralism and diplomacy for peace at the General Assembly, as the most democratic and representative body of the UN.

Objectives

The overarching objectives of the high-level plenary meeting are to:

- (i) discuss the challenges of multilateralism and the way forward to strengthen the multilateral system;
- (ii) renew the commitment to the original ideals of the UN Charter; and
- (iii) strengthen the international legal order for global peace, security and prosperity.

Participants

General Assembly resolution 73/127 invited the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General, together with Member States and observers to participate in this meeting.

Format

The one-day high-level plenary meeting will consist of an opening segment and plenary segment. Delegations are encouraged to observe the time limit of 3 minutes for statements by individual delegations and 5 minutes for statements on behalf of a group of States. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list are kindly requested to do so through the e-delegate portal, available at <http://delegate.un.int> starting from Friday 29 March 2019 at 10 a.m. EDT.

Delegations will be given the floor on a first come first served basis. Priority will be given to Heads of State and Government, high-level participants, as well as group statements.

PaperSmart Services will be available for the plenary segment. Delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. Member States and Observers who cannot deliver their statement within the timeframe of the plenary segment may also submit their statement to PaperSmart.

Registration of High-level participants

Official delegations and members of the parties of Heads of State or Government, Vice-Presidents and Crown Princes or Princesses will be registered by the Protocol and Liaison Service. Missions/offices are required to submit their registration requests by using the online system "eAccreditation" available through the eDelegate Portal at <https://delegate.un.int>. The deadline for submission of registration to the high-level plenary meeting, is **Friday, 12 April 2019**.

Outcome

The outcome will be a summary of the President of the General Assembly, which will be circulated to all Member States, observers and relevant stakeholders.

Preliminary Draft Programme

Wednesday, 24 April 2019, GA Hall

1000-1020hrs Opening Segment

Statement by the President of the General Assembly

Statement by the Secretary-General of the United Nations

1020-1300hrs Plenary segment

Statement by Member States and observers

1500-1800hrs Plenary segment (continued)

Statement by Member States and observers