



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

17 August 2020

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith, a letter from H.E. Ambassador Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee, Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations, and H.E. Michal Mlynár, Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the United Nations, co-chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly (AHWG).

The aforementioned letter invites you to a virtual meeting of the process on Monday 24 August 2020, at 3:00 p.m. to consider the enclosed zero draft resolution on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly. Details pertaining to the virtual arrangements for the meeting will be circulated by the Secretariat in due course.

Please accept Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tijjani Muhammad-bande'.

Tijjani Muhammad-bande

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



PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS



New York, 17th August 2020

Excellency,

We are writing you in our capacity as Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly (AHWG).

Please find attached the zero draft resolution on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, which is to be adopted as part of the report of the AHWG during the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly.

The presentation of the zero draft and the first reading of the draft will be held on **Monday, 24 August 2020 at 3.00 p.m. virtually** in order to provide Member States the opportunity to express their views and comments. More details on the technical aspects of the meeting (registration link, dial-in details) will be provided by the UN Secretariat shortly.

We are looking forward to your active participation in the process.

Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Ghana
to the United Nations

Michal Mlynár
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Slovakia
to the United Nations

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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

PP1. *Bearing in mind* the role and authority of the General Assembly as a principal organ of the United Nations and the importance of its effectiveness and efficiency in fulfilling its functions under the Charter of the United Nations, [Source: A/73/341 pp1]

PP2. *Reiterating* that the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly is a critical component of the overall reform of the United Nations, [Source: A/73/341 pp3]

PP3. *Welcoming the commemoration of* the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations in 2020 under the theme “The future we want, the United Nations we need: reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism”, [revised language based on pp6]

PP4. *Recognizing* the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the work of the General Assembly during the seventy-fourth session, [new language]

PP5. *Welcoming also* the efforts of the President of seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly to ensure the continued functioning of the General Assembly despite the constraints on the working methods of the General Assembly during the pandemic, [new language]

PP6. *Underlining* the need to further enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the General Assembly to address the evolving global challenges, [Source: A/73/341 pp 7]

OP1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 73/341 of 12 September 2019 and all other previous resolutions adopted by consensus relating to the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly; [Source: A/73/341 op1]

OP2. *Welcomes* the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly and the updated inventory of Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed thereto;¹ [Source: A/73/341 op2]

OP3. *Decides* to establish, at its seventy-fifth session, an Ad Hoc Working Group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, open to all Member States: [Source: A/73/341 op4]

(a) To identify further ways to enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on the progress achieved in past sessions as well as on previous resolutions, including evaluating the status of their implementation; [Source: A/73/341 op4]

¹ Resolution A/74/958

(b) To submit a report thereon to the Assembly at its seventy-fifth session;
[Source: A/73/341 op4]

OP4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake an analysis of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the work of the United Nations, particularly the General Assembly, and the Secretariat, including lessons learned and recommendations, to submit a report of that analysis and to provide a briefing thereon to the Ad Hoc Working Group when it begins its consideration of the report, [new language]

OP5. *Also decides* that the Ad Hoc Working Group shall continue its review of the inventory of General Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed to the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group submitted at the seventy-fourth session and, as a result, continue to update the inventory to be attached to the report to be submitted at the seventy-fifth session of the Assembly, including the separate indication of relevant provisions that were not implemented, with reasons thereof; [Source: A/73/341 op5]

OP6. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General.²

[Alignment process input] p.m.

² Resolution A/74/704