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Draft decision submitted by the President of the General Assembly

High-level meetings of the General Assembly in September 2020

The General Assembly,

Noting with concern the situation regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and the limitations recommended on meetings within the United Nations premises as precautionary measures aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19,

Recalling its resolutions [57/301](#) of 13 March 2003 and [73/299](#) of 14 June 2019,

(a) Decides, without setting a precedent for future general debates and mandated high-level meetings planned for future high-level weeks, that each Member State, observer State and the European Union¹ can submit a pre-recorded statement of its Head of State, Vice-President, Crown Prince or Princess, Head of Government, Minister or Vice-Minister, which will be played in the General Assembly Hall during the general debate of the Assembly at its seventy-fifth session, the high-level meeting to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations and the high-level meetings referred to in paragraph (c) below, after introduction by their representative who is physically present in the Assembly Hall;

(b) Also decides that, in addition to the verbatim records of the general debate and the high-level meeting to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, the President of the General Assembly will circulate as a document of the Assembly a compilation document of the statements delivered by Heads of State or other dignitaries by means of pre-recorded statements during the general debate and the high-level meeting to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations and submitted to the President no later than the day on which the pre-recorded statement is played in the Assembly Hall;

(c) Further decides that the summit on biodiversity, to be convened pursuant to resolution [74/269](#) of 31 March 2020, shall be held on Wednesday, 30 September 2020; the high-level meeting on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, to be convened pursuant to resolution [73/340](#) of 12 September

¹ In the case of the European Union, the pre-recorded statements shall be made by the President of the European Council, the President of the European Commission or the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.



2019, shall be held on Thursday, 1 October 2020; and the high-level plenary meeting to commemorate and promote the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, to be convened pursuant to resolution [74/54](#) of 12 December 2019, shall be held on Friday, 2 October 2020; and requests the President of the General Assembly to finalize the other organizational arrangements for these meetings;

(d) Decides that these procedures shall apply only to the meetings of the general debate of the Assembly at its seventy-fifth session, the high-level meeting to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations and the high-level meetings referred to in paragraph (c) above.
