



23 February 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit a letter dated 22 February 2021, from H.E. Ms. Egriselda Aracely González López, Permanent Representative of El Salvador and H.E. Mr. Michal Mlynár, Permanent Representative of Slovakia, the co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group (AHWG) on Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly, regarding the **four thematic debates of the AHWG** to be held virtually. These meetings will be hosted on the remote simultaneous interpretation platform *Interprefy* and webcast in all six official languages.

The first of the thematic debates, on the General Assembly role and authority, is scheduled for Thursday, 25 February 2021, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (if necessary).

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

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**PERMANENT MISSION**  
**OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC**  
**TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

22 February 2021

Excellency,

We have the honour to address you in our capacity as Co-chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly (AHWG) during the 75<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly.

As indicated in our letter of 3 February 2021, the four thematic debates of the Ad Hoc Working Group will be held virtually. These meetings will be hosted on the remote simultaneous interpretation platform *Interprefy* and webcast in all six official languages.

In order to facilitate smooth proceedings and not to overload the capacity of the *Interprefy* platform, **only representatives who intend to speak during the virtual meetings should log into the platform and are strongly encouraged to register for the onboarding sessions in order to familiarize themselves with the platform and test the connection in advance of these virtual debates.** Registration for the onboarding sessions has been circulated to delegations via the e-deleGATE portal e-announcement by the Secretariat on Thursday, 18 February. The onboarding itself takes no longer than 15 minutes. Questions on registration for the onboarding sessions should be directed to Ms. Lourdes Quiogue ([quiogue@un.org](mailto:quiogue@un.org)).

The link to the *Interprefy* platform will be sent to delegations following their inscription to either the formal debates and/or the “question-and-answer” segments with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (email: [galindo@un.org](mailto:galindo@un.org)).

Delegations not intending to speak during the virtual debates are encouraged to follow the proceedings via webcast and would not need to join the platform.

Taking into consideration that remote simultaneous interpretation is available only for two hours per meeting, the schedule of the virtual thematic debates on *Interprefy* platform will be as follows:

- Thursday, 25 February 2021, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (if necessary): thematic debate on **General Assembly role and authority**, including on public diplomacy and global communications;

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- Thursday, 11 March 2021, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (if necessary): thematic debate on the **Office of the President of the General Assembly**;
- Wednesday, 14 April 2021, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (if necessary): thematic debate on **working methods**, including on coherence and coordination among the six Main Committees and the role of the General Committee; and
- Friday, 23 April 2021, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (if necessary): thematic debate on the **Secretary-General selection process**.

As for the **Dialogue between Permanent Missions and the UN Secretariat and briefing on the Secretary General's analysis on the impact of COVID-19 pandemic**, it will be held in person, on Thursday, 25 March 2021 at 3:00 pm. at the General Assembly Hall.

In view of the limited time of the thematic debates, we kindly suggest to delegations to limit their statements at 5 minutes, with the exception of statements made by the spokespersons of groups of delegations, which can be extended to 7 minutes. To facilitate interpretation, delegations are requested to email their statements to [estatements@un.org](mailto:estatements@un.org) at least 1 hour in advance of their delivery, indicating the title of the AHWG in the subject line.

In addition, delegations are reminded that most messages from the Co-Chairs and Secretariat related to the work of the AHWG will be sent through the newly migrated e-deleGATE platform: [edelegate.un.int](http://edelegate.un.int). The guide on how to reset password to enter the platform for the first time was annexed to our letter dated 3 February 2021. For technical questions or problems please contact [missions-support@un.int](mailto:missions-support@un.int). In this regard, delegations wishing to receive e-announcements under this portfolio, including the revised versions of the draft resolution during the informal consultations, should request access to the e-deleGATE module called "Ad Hoc Working Group on GA revitalization" from the designated "Access Administrators" at their respective Permanent Missions.

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



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