

THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

11 March 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that I will convene an informal meeting of the plenary of the General Assembly on **Tuesday, 30 March 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall** of the United Nations Headquarters. The meeting will allow the Secretary-General to brief the General Assembly pursuant to A/RES/75/193, operative paragraph 56, in which the Assembly,

-General to brief the General Assembly in the first quarter of 2021 on the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic, including developments on the implementation of resolution 2254 (2015), on the humanitarian situation and on human rights.

The Secretary-General will be joined by Ms. Rosemary DiCarlo, Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, Ms. Ilze Brands Kehris, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights and Head of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in New York, and Mr. Ramesh Rajasingham, Acting Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator in the General Assembly Hall to respond to any possible questions.

The meeting will be open and webcast on UN Web TV with interpretation in all official languages. Due to COVID-19 related risk mitigation measures, access to the meeting in the General Assembly Hall will be restricted to one representative per delegation. Following the briefing by the Secretary-General, the floor will be open for brief interventions. Delegations are strongly encouraged to limit their remarks to 3 minutes for individual Member States or 5 minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States.

Please note that there will be no pre-established list of speakers for this meeting. For planning purposes only, delegations are encouraged to **register their interest to speak by 5:00 p.m. EST on Thursday, 25 March 2021** via e-mail to Mr. Robin Peeters, Human Rights Adviser (robin.peeters@un.org), copying Ms. Hila Wesa, Team Leader for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs (wesa@un.org).

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

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