

24 June 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the appraisal of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Person, to be held from 22 to 23 November 2021 in the General Assembly Hall, at the United Nations Headquarters, in New York, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/283 entitled "Modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the appraisal of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons".

Pursuant to operative paragraph 11 of resolution 75/283, I will organize an informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing, as part of the preparatory process for the high-level meeting. The hearing will be hosted on the remote simultaneous interpretation platform Interprety on Tuesday, 13 July 2021, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and will be webcast live and on demand on United Nations Web TV. The concept note and provisional programme of the meeting are hereby attached. I look forward to your active participation in the hearing.

For further information, please contact Mr. Ahmad Almaududy Amri, (ahmad.amri@un.org) and Youssef Elmezouaghi (youssef.elmezouaghi@un.org), advisors on UN Reform, Budget and Legal Affairs.

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

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All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations New York In accordance with GA resolutions 74/176 of 23 January 2020 and 75/283 of 7 June 2021 on the "modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the appraisal of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons", a High-Level Meeting of the plenary of the General Assembly will be convened on 22-23 November 2021 to appraise progress achieved in the implementation of the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons (resolution 64/293), in order to assess achievements, gaps and challenges, including in the implementation of the relevant legal instruments.

In order to support the inclusive, active and substantive engagement of civil society, the private sector and other relevant stakeholders in the process, the President of the General Assembly will convene an

, pursuant to paragraph 11 of resolution 75/283. Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions at United Nations Headquarters, the Multi-stakeholder Hearing will be held

The Multi-stakeholder Hearing will provide relevant stakeholders with an opportunity to contribute to the process leading to the High-level Meeting on the appraisal of the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, during one day of interactive panel discussions that will be attended by representatives of Member States, observers of the General Assembly, national human rights institutions compliant with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (Paris Principles), non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, invited civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector.

The Multi-stakeholder Hearing is intended to

3. Participants are also encouraged to share ideas and suggestions during the Multi-Stakeholder Hearing using the hashtag .

The following questions are intended to guide discussions during the Multi-stakeholder Hearing.

- 1. What are the roles of civil society, academia and the private sector in supporting the protection and empowerment of trafficked persons and those vulnerable to being trafficked?
- 2. In what ways can global responsibility for responding to trafficking in persons be shared equitably?

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