



11 June 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 11 June 2021 from H.E. Ms. Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett, Permanent Representative of Guyana and H.E. Mr. Ishikane Kimihiro, Permanent Representative of Japan, co-facilitators for the intergovernmental process to define the scope and modalities for the high-level meeting on universal health coverage in 2023.

The aforementioned letter from the co-facilitators conveys the date of the first informal consultation to be convened on 17 June 2021 from 4 to 6:00 p.m. virtually. Additionally, the letter also conveys the zero draft of the resolution to be discussed in the meeting. Connection details for the meeting will be provided by the Department of General Assembly and Conference Management in a subsequent correspondence.

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

A handwritten signature in blue and red ink, appearing to read 'Volkan BOZKIR', written over a grey rectangular background.

Volkan BOZKIR

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

Permanent Mission of the  
Co-operative Republic of Guyana

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Excellency,

We are honoured to write to you in our capacity as co-facilitators to lead the intergovernmental consultations on the modalities for the high-level meeting on universal health coverage before the end of the seventy-fifth session, as contained in document A/RES/74/2.

In line with your letter dated 11 January 2021, we are committed to ensuring that the process of consultations on a draft modalities resolution to be adopted by the General Assembly is inclusive, transparent and Member States-driven.

In this regard, we are pleased to convene the first informal consultations on the modalities resolution on 17 June 2021 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. via the Cisco WebEx Platform.

In preparation for the first informal consultations, please find attached the zero draft of the modalities resolution.

Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of the Co-operative  
Republic of Guyana to the United Nations



global health, including major inequities and vulnerabilities within and among countries, regions and populations, still remain and demand persistent attention,

among the Heads of State or Government attending the high-level meeting, in consultation with Member States, taking into account gender equity, level of development and geographical representation;

- (c) The themes of the multi-stakeholder panels will take into consideration the direction and outcomes of other preceding health processes and initiatives, as well as the interactive multi-stakeholder hearing, with a view to ensuring the most effective and efficient outcomes and potential deliverables and to sharing experiences and lessons learned to address remaining implementation gaps;
  - (d) The President of the General Assembly may invite parliamentarians, local governments, the heads or senior representatives of relevant United Nations entities, including the World Bank, development partners, civil society, the private sector, academia, medical associations, indigenous leadership and community organizations to serve as speakers on the panels, taking into account gender equity, level of development and geographical representation;
4. *Also decides* that the high-level meeting shall approve a concise and action-oriented political declaration, agreed in advance by consensus through intergovernmental negotiations, to be submitted by the President of the General Assembly for adoption by the Assembly;
  5. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, with the support of the World Health Organization and other relevant partners, to organize and preside over an interactive multi-stakeholder hearing, before the end of June 2023, with the active participation of appropriate senior-level representatives of Member States, observers of the General Assembly, parliamentarians, representatives of local government, relevant United Nations entities, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, invited civil society organizations, philanthropic foundations, academia, medical associations, the private sector and broader communities, ensuring the participation and voices of women, children, youth and indigenous leadership, as part of the preparatory process for the high-level meeting, and also requests the President to prepare a summary of the hearing prior to the high-level meeting;
  6. *Encourages* all Member States to participate in the high-level meeting, including the multi-stakeholder panels, at the highest possible level, preferably at the level of Heads of State and Government, and invites all observers of the General Assembly to be represented at the highest possible level;
  7. *Invites* the United Nations system, including funds, programmes and specialized agencies, including the World Health Organization, regional commissions and relevant envoys of the Secretary-General, to participate in the high-level meeting, as appropriate, and urges them to consider relevant initiatives, such as the International Health Partnership for UHC2030, in support of the preparatory process and the high-level meeting, particularly with regard to sharing evidence and good practices, challenges and lessons learned;

8. *Invites* the Inter-Parliamentary Union to contribute to the high-level meeting;
9. *Invites* non-governmental organizations with relevant expertise that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to register with the Secretariat to attend the high-level meeting and the interactive multi-stakeholder hearing;
10. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of