

THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

12 July 2021

Excellency,

In line with the working paper circulated by my letter dated 23 June 2021 containing a proposal for the format of the High-level Week (HLW) in September 2021, I have the honour to circulate herewith a draft decision of the General Assembly to also allow for pre-recorded statements during the general debate of the seventy-sixth session of the Assembly.

The General Assembly is invited to take action on the draft decision at the plenary meeting to be held on Wednesday, 14 July 2021, at 10:00 a.m., in the General Assembly Hall. Thereafter, the Secretariat will inform delegations regarding the opening of the list of speakers.

Building on the proposals contained in my letter dated 23 June 2021 regarding the high level week for the 76th session of the UN General Assembly, and my consultations with the members states, I will soon issue a separate communication on the practical arrangements for in-person participation.

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

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Draft decision submitted by the President of the General Assembly

General debate of the seventy-sixth session

The General Assembly,

Noting with concern the ongoing situation regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic:

(a) Decides, without setting a precedent for future general debates, that each Member State, observer State and the European Union¹ may 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-sixth session, 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, the President of the General Assembly will circulate as a document of the Assembly a compilation document of the statements delivered by means of pre-recorded statements submitted to the President no later than the day on which the pre-recorded statement is played in the Assembly Hall, and that such pre-recorded statements will be attached to the verbatim records of the meetings;
