16 November 2020

Subject: United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

Excellency,

The United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities is held annually under the auspices of the General Assembly in early November in line with resolution 32/197. In light of the formal nature of the meeting, the extensive preparations associated with the convening of the Pledging Conference and the current limitations in the use of the Headquarters, I have been informed by the Secretariat in the attached letter that it would be advisable for Member States to explore the possibility of rescheduling the Pledging Conference to early 2021.

It has also been brought to my attention that over the years, different proposals have been suggested to replace the current format with a

Therefore, in addition to putting the attached draft decision for the postponement of the Pledging Conference for consideration of the Plenary, I propose to convene an informal dialogue in early 2021 to explore possible alternatives that would allow for a less rigid and more dynamic pledging event in line with my call to implement the necessary reforms to ensure that the United Nations is fit for purpose and can deliver the future we want.

Should Member States consider and agree on a new model after those consultations, the General Assembly could adopt a decision to replace the Pledging Conference with the new arrangement.

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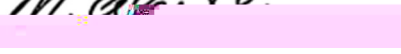
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