



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

20 July 2020

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith, a letter dated 20 July 2020 from H.E. Ms. Pascale Baeriswyl, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations and H. E. Mr. Omar Hilale, Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations, the co-facilitators for the review of the UN human rights treaty body system.

The letter invites Member States and Observers to a virtual informal consultation of the review process, scheduled to take place on Monday, 27 July 2020 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

I avail of this opportunity to express my solidarity with Member States who are fighting COVID-19 and extend my sincere condolences for their loss.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'T' followed by a flourish and a circular mark.

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

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



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Kingdom of Morocco to the UN*

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Excellency,

In our capacity as co-facilitators of the process of the consideration of the state of the UN human rights treaty body system, we would like to thank those who responded to our Call for written contributions and provided us their valuable inputs, which will serve as a good basis for the further process. All received contributions have been posted on the OHCHR webpage dedicated to this process.

Concerning the next steps, we would like to inform of the following:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions to hold physical meetings at the UN headquarters, the informal consultations in New York need to be conducted virtually. In this regard, we have the pleasure to invite you to the virtual informal consultation with Member States in New York on Monday, 27 July 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 01:00 p.m.

Further information on the modalities of the meeting and its agenda will be provided soon. An information note providing the guidance on how to join this virtual meeting will be soon circulated by the Secretariat.

Given the possibility to organize in-person meetings in Geneva, we will organize another informal consultation with Member States in Geneva, on 28 August 2020. We would like to underline that the consultations in New York and in Geneva will discuss different topics, relevant to their specific and respective expertise.

We will also convene, in Geneva, on 28 August 2020, a dialogue with all other relevant stakeholders such as civil society, national human rights institutions and others. The format will be a hybrid meeting, meaning that every stakeholder that is not based in Geneva, that is unable to travel to Geneva or that is not wishing to enter the room physically, is invited to participate remotely.

To ensure transparency, all these meetings will be accessible on webcast.

Finally, we will organize separate meetings with the Treaty Bodies on 28 July 2020 and with representatives of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on 28 August 2020 in Geneva.

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

Pascale Baeriswyl

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Switzerland to the UN

Omar Hilale

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of  
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