



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

20 August 2021

Excellency,

With reference to my letter dated 18 August, 2021 transmitting a letter from H.E. Mr. Francisco Duarte Lopes, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations, and H.E. Ms. Mathu Joyini, Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations, the co-facilitators to lead consultations on the political declaration and the modalities of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, I have the further honour to submit a subsequent letter from the co-facilitators.

The co-facilitators, via the letter forward herewith, refer to their letter of 18 August 2021, placing under silence procedure the final text of the draft modalities resolution until Friday, 20 August 2021, 6 p.m., and in that regard, further inform of the extension of the silence procedure until Tuesday, 24 August 2021, 1 p.m.

I thank H.E. Ms. Mathu Joyini, Permanent Representative of South Africa and H.E. Mr. Francisco Duarte Lopes, Permanent Representative of Portugal, for ably facilitating the consultations on the draft modalities resolution and all Member States for their engagement in this process. I trust that you will continue to accord them the utmost support.

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

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Volkan BOZKIR

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



PERMANENT MISSION OF  
SOUTH AFRICA  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS



*The Permanent Mission of Portugal  
to the United Nations*

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Excellency,

We have the honour of addressing you in our capacity as the co-facilitators of the intergovernmental consultations on the Political Declaration and the modalities of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the Twentieth Anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

Following up on our letter, dated 18 August 2021, placing under silence procedure the final text of the draft modalities resolution, the co-facilitators were approached by some delegations, highlighting the circumstances faced by some Permanent Missions during the current month, and have requested an extension of the silence procedure.

**We are therefore extending the silence procedure until Tuesday, 24 August 2021, 1:00 PM.**

We continue counting on your support and cooperation to adopt this resolution in a timely manner to provide the Office of the President of the General Assembly with the mandate to begin preparations for this important high-level meeting.

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

H.E. Ms. Mathu Joyini  
Permanent Representative of South Africa  
to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Francisco Duarte Lopes  
Permanent Representative of Portugal  
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