



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

19 October 2020

Excellency,

I have the honour to invite you to attend the observance ceremony in commemoration of the United Nations Day, scheduled for Monday, 26 October 2020, from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m., in the General Assembly Hall.

The observance ceremony, as mandated by General Assembly resolution 73/299, will highlight UN voices from the field and insiders' perspectives of UN's work and the future of the organization. Following a short opening segment, we will hold a solemn moment to symbolically renew our commitment to the United Nations Charter. For that purpose, a giant poster featuring the preamble of the UN Charter in six official languages will be on display at the Delegates Entrance, General Assembly building, ahead of the commemoration. I invite you to sign the poster anytime on Thursday, 22 October from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 3 to 6 p.m., as well as on Friday, 23 October from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., while observing the social distancing. The last part of the commemoration will consist of a short interactive debate moderated by the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth and featuring several UN personnel with a variety of backgrounds and field experience. For further details, please find enclosed the programme of the event.

Kindly note that the High-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, will take place immediately after the observance ceremony and during the remainder of that day, from 10:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. The meeting will continue until the list of speakers is exhausted. The final list of speakers will be shared in due course.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Volkan Bozkir'.

Volkan BOZKIR

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

UN DAY COMMEMORATIVE EVENT

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Monday, 26 October 2020, General Assembly Hall	
9.00 – 9.07	VIDEO PRESENTATION – “Voices from the field”
9.07-9.10	OPENING SEGMENT Opening and Welcome Remarks H.E. Mr. Volkan Bozkir President of the 75 th session of the General Assembly
9.10-9.13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement by H.E. Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General
9.13-9.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement by Presidency of the Security Council
9.16-9.19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement by Presidency of Economic and Social Council
CHARTER SIGNING COMMEMORATION	
9.19-9.24	VIDEO PRESENTATION: “Inheritance” performance by Eleanor Wikstrom, Youth Poet Laureate, filmed at Herbst Theater in San Francisco
9.24-9.30	PGA presentation of the poster of the symbolic recommitment signatures to the United Nations Charter and short remarks
INTERACTIVE PANEL SEGMENT	
9.30-10.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel discussion- reflecting on perspectives of UN’s work and future of the Organization, featuring “insider” voices <p>Moderator: Jayathma Wickramanayake, Secretary General’s Envoy on Youth Panelists: TBC</p>
10.00-10.03	VIDEO PRESENTATION: Summary of 21 September UN75 Plenary Meeting