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The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) presents his compliments to the non-State actors in official relations with WHO and has the honour to convene the resumed session of the Seventy-third World Health Assembly at 10:00 (CET) on Monday, 9 November 2020. The Health Assembly will close no later than Saturday, 14 November 2020.

In light of the current global situation, the Health Assembly will be held virtually, using video conferencing technologies. Details for accessing the virtual platform will be provided following completion of the registration process.

Online registration is required for the Health Assembly. Registrations made in May 2020 for the Seventy-third World Health Assembly¹ **are no longer valid for the resumed session**. Registration can be initiated by going to the following link:
.... (original letter contains link).

Instructions for online registration are available for downloading from the Governance website (<http://www.who.int/governance/registration/en/index.html>).

The agenda for the resumed session of the Health Assembly is available at https://apps.who.int/gb/e/e_wha73.html.

Documents for the Seventy-third session of the World Health Assembly can be accessed on the Internet through the WHO website (<http://www.who.int/gb/>), as they become available.

The Director-General of the World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to the non-State actors in official relations with WHO the assurance of his highest consideration.

GENEVA, 30 October 2020

¹ https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA73/A73_DIV1REV1-en.pdf.

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Seventy-third World Health Assembly, 9–14 November 2020
Virtual meeting (resumed session)
Practical information for representatives of non-State actors
in official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO)

Date of the Health Assembly

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Registration

3. Online registration is required for the World Health Assembly. To that end, the invitation letter to the Health Assembly provides a link to the WHO Governing Bodies Meeting Registration System, as well as a username and password that will give access to the system. Each non-State actor must designate a focal point to be responsible for registering the entity's delegation in the system.
4. Online registration requires each non-State actor to upload a copy of its credentials, that is, a signed response to the invitation on the entity's letterhead indicating the name of the head of the delegation, the name(s) of the other representatives, function of each delegate in the non-State actor itself and, where appropriate, in an affiliated entity. The WHO Office of Governing Bodies will verify the information received from the Focal Point in the registration system to generate the List of Participants and send the log in details to access the virtual meeting.
5. Instructions for the online registration system are available on the Governance website at <http://www.who.int/governance/registration/en/index>. Queries and issues related to registration should be addressed by email to ... or by telephone ... (original contains details)
6. An example of credentials is attached for ease of reference.
7. Registered representatives of non-State actors appear in the official WHO records as participants. During registration, the affiliation of each delegate is required. While the non-State actors are invited to appoint a representative or representatives to attend the Assembly, disproportionate representation at the meetings is to be avoided.

WHA documentation

8. As they become available, documents for the Health Assembly are posted on the WHO website: <http://www.who.int/gb/>. The documents are available in the official languages of WHO: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

Non-State actors statements at the Health Assembly

9. Considering the specific arrangements set for the Seventy-third World Health Assembly, Non-State actors in official relations with WHO that have registered to participate may request to make statements

through a dedicated video connection, during the meetings of Committee A and/or B of the World Health Assembly, under a technical item in which the non-State actor has a particular interest. The following process applies:

- Non-State actors requesting to make statements should register on the Statements' platform at <https://extranet.who.int/nonstateactorsstatements/>. Once the registration form has been submitted, an approval email will be sent with relevant details on the process to be followed.
- Statements should be posted on the platform at the latest by 08:00 of the day when the agenda item is scheduled to be discussed.
- Statements should focus on technical issues, should be directly relevant to the technical item and should not contain promotional and/or commercial references. Accuracy of the technical components should be considered. The titles of organizations and/or specific doctrines are expected to be correct and there should be no spelling/grammatical errors.
- Statements should not raise issues of purely political nature that are unrelated to the topic and should not contain any inappropriate or offensive reference to Member States. The nomenclature used to refer to Member States, or areas of Member States, must follow that of the United Nations. In case of doubt, please consult nsastatements@who.int.
- The speaking time for statements, confirmed by Member States, would be no more than one minute. This should be borne in mind as the statements' platform may accommodate written text up to 300 words (1960 characters).
- Statements posted but that were not read out during the working sessions or those that do not follow the process described in this note will not be allowed to be posted on the statements' platform and can be withdrawn at the WHO's Secretariat's sole discretion.
- To note, the written statements are posted for a limited time, and will not be retained on the website thereafter. Only statements presented orally at the invitation of the Chairperson will be considered in WHO's official records.
- Speakers are invited to follow the proceedings and webcast to know the precise time when the items will be discussed and to be informed of any change in schedule.
- While every attempt is made to keep non-State actors informed of the status of their requests, it is the responsibility of the non-State actor delegates to follow discussions and the procedures and any guidance that may be updated, considering the exceptional virtual format.
- Statements will be made only at the invitation of the Chairperson. In case of delays, to facilitate the progress of the meetings, the Chairperson may decide to limit the number of statements to be delivered under an agenda item and/or reconsider the time allotted for statements.

Due Diligence and Non-State Actors Team

10. Due Diligence and Non-State Actors (DAN) serves as the focal point for assisting non-State actors during the World Health Assembly. For enquiries about non-State actors participation in the Health Assembly, except registration, an email can be sent to nsastatements@who.int.

11. Queries and technical issues concerning the online registration should be addressed by email to ..., or by telephone ... (original contains details)

Non-State actor letterhead

World Health Organization
The Director
Department of Governing Bodies
20 Avenue Appia
1211 Geneva 27

Date

Dear Dr Armstrong,

Please find below the names of our representatives at the resumed session of the Seventy-third World Health Assembly, which will be held virtually from 9 to 14 November 2020.

Ms X. Smith

Business title

Affiliation (name of the non-State actor in official relations or its member organization, a branch, subsidiary or division, whichever applies to the delegate)

Dr D. Thompson

Business title

Affiliation (name of the non-State actor in official relations or its member organization, a branch, subsidiary or division, whichever applies to the delegate)

With best regards,

Name, signature and title of a senior official