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I. Introduction

1. The general debate of the seventy-ninth session will be held from Tuesday, 24 September, to Saturday, 28 September, and on Monday, 30 September 2024.
2. The Summit of the Future will be held on Sunday, 22 September, and Monday, 23 September 2024, in accordance with resolution [76/307](#) and decision 78/555.
3. The high-level meeting on addressing the existential threats posed by sea level rise will be held on Wednesday, 25 September 2024, in accordance with decision 78/544 and resolution [78/319](#).
4. The high-level meeting to commemorate and promote the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons will be held on Thursday, 26 September 2024, in accordance with resolution [78/27](#).
5. The high-level meeting on antimicrobial resistance will be held on Thursday, 26 September 2024, in accordance with resolution [78/269](#).

II. Arrivals

6. Strict adherence to the following requirements will ensure the timely and secure arrival of all parties:

(a) All persons in motorcades must have valid United Nations photo identification in order to be permitted to pass through various security checks and enter the Headquarters complex;

(b) Heads of State or Government, members of their parties and any delegations wishing to come to the United Nations on foot from nearby locations are encouraged to do so – time will be saved, and possible delays avoided;

(c) With the exception of motorcades accompanied by police and/or Secret Service, any delegation arriving by car unescorted and without a parking e-tag will need a special vehicle permit. Permits can be applied for through the e-deleGATE portal. Car permits will be approved by security and available for pickup through the Garage Administration, room U-210 (telephone: 212 963 6212).

III. Seating, schedules, list of speakers, statements and other relevant information

7. In accordance with established practice, the Secretary-General had drawn lots for the purpose of choosing the Member State to occupy the first desk on the General Assembly floor from which the alphabetical seating order will begin. The name drawn was Yemen. The other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order, taking into account resolution [ES-10/23](#) regarding the seating arrangement for the State of Palestine, followed by the Holy See and the European Union. Seating arrangements may be further adjusted to account for requests from delegations to register accessible national seats (see sect. XX). The remaining seats with a name plate will be allocated, in the English alphabetical order, as follows: first, to observers of the Assembly¹ maintaining permanent offices at United Nations Headquarters in New York; and second, to specialized agencies and related organizations maintaining liaison offices at Headquarters. The remaining available seats with a name plate will be assigned, in the English alphabetical order, to observers that do not maintain permanent offices at Headquarters but that have informed the Protocol and Liaison Service of their

¹ As listed in [A/INF/79/3](#).

attendance. Once all such seats are occupied, chairs (without a desk, a name plate and an adviser seat) will be provided to the remaining observers that inform the Protocol and Liaison Service of their attendance, continuing in the English alphabetical order. Specialized agencies and related organizations without permanent offices at Headquarters will not have any preassigned seats and would be accommodated on an ad hoc basis subject to availability.

8. For use of the teleprompter in the General Assembly Hall, please see section XIV. Only the teleprompter provided by the United Nations may be used. Similarly, speakers may not bring their own lectern.

General debate

9. The general debate will begin on Tuesday, 24 September, continue through Saturday, 28 September, and conclude on Monday, 30 September. The general debate will be held from 9 a.m. to 2.45 p.m. and from 3 to 9 p.m.

10. In accordance with resolution [51/241](#), the list of speakers for each day of the general debate will be completed and no speakers will be rolled over to the next day, the implications for the hours of work notwithstanding.

11. The theme “Leaving no one behind: acting together for the advancement of peace, sustainable development and human dignity for present and future generations” has been proposed for the general debate at the seventy-ninth session, pursuant to resolution [58/126](#) (annex).

12. In keeping with previous practice, a voluntary 15-minute time limit for statements will be observed. The provisional list of speakers for the general debate was announced on 5 July 2024. Any change or exchange of speaking slots among Member States should be communicated in writing to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (email: galindo@un.org, with a copy to gaspeakerslist@un.org). The list of Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers for Foreign Affairs maintained by the Protocol and Liaison Service (www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol/hshgnfa) will be used to identify speakers at those levels during the general debate. Permanent missions should ensure the accuracy of their delegation’s information and contact the Protocol and Liaison Service with any updates. In the case of an address by a Head of State, the President will announce that the General Assembly will hear an address by a Head of State, request Protocol to escort the Head of State into the Assembly Hall from room GA-200 and invite the Head of State to address the Assembly. After the conclusion of the address, the President, on behalf of the Assembly, will thank the Head of State for the statement just made and the Head of State will be escorted by Protocol straight to room GA-200. There will be no ceremonial chair on the stage and no handshakes after the address.

Summit of the Future

13. The Summit of the Future will be held on Sunday, 22 September, and Monday, 23 September 2024, on the theme “Summit of the Future: multilateral solutions for a better tomorrow”, according to the following schedule:

22 September

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| 9 a.m.–3 p.m. | Plenary meeting, with the opening segment from 9 to 10 a.m. (General Assembly Hall) |
| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | Interactive dialogue 1 (Trusteeship Council Chamber) |
| 3–6 p.m. | Interactive dialogue 2 (Trusteeship Council Chamber) |

3–9 p.m.	Plenary meeting (General Assembly Hall)
23 September	
9 a.m.–3 p.m.	Plenary meeting (General Assembly Hall)
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Interactive dialogue 3 (Trusteeship Council Chamber)
3–6 p.m.	Interactive dialogue 4 (Trusteeship Council Chamber)
3–9 p.m.	Plenary meeting, with the closing segment from 8.30 to 9 p.m. (General Assembly Hall)

14. The Summit will adopt a concise, action-oriented outcome document entitled “A Pact for the Future”, agreed in advance by consensus through intergovernmental negotiations.

15. The opening segment will include the adoption of the outcome document followed by statements from the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General and youth representatives to be selected by the President of the General Assembly in consultation with Member States. The closing segment will feature a statement from the President of the General Assembly.

16. Member States and members of United Nations specialized agencies are encouraged to be represented at the level of Head of State or Government, or at the highest possible level, and to make statements in plenary of up to five minutes. Representatives of entities having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the work of the General Assembly and the United Nations system, including the funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions, as well as the Bretton Woods institutions, time permitting, are invited to make statements in plenary of up to three minutes.

17. The first provisional list of speakers for the Summit of the Future was circulated on 22 July 2024. In accordance with decision 78/555, the second provisional list was made available on 30 July 2024, after the deadline for inscriptions by participating States and the European Union (11.59 p.m. on Monday, 29 July 2024). The Secretariat will open the remaining speaking slots for inscription by entities having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the work of the General Assembly and by the United Nations system, including the funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions, as well as the Bretton Woods institutions, which are invited, time permitting, to make statements of up to three minutes, on a first-come, first-served basis, from 10 a.m. on Monday, 5 August 2024, until 5 p.m. on Friday, 6 September 2024. On the day of the plenary meetings, the list of speakers for each meeting shall be completed and no speakers will be rolled over to the next meeting. Speakers who are not present when their speaking turn comes will be automatically moved to the next available speaking slot within their category at the same meeting (decision 78/555, annex, paras. 2 (e), 5 and 7).

18. In order to accommodate all speakers at the Summit, statements by the participating States should be limited to five minutes, pursuant to paragraph 7 of resolution 76/307, on the understanding that this will not preclude the distribution of more extensive texts. Pursuant to rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, when a representative exceeds her or his allotted time, the President shall call the speaker to order without delay, which will be done by means of automatic microphone cut-off. In order to ensure that the statements from the list of speakers will begin on time at 10 a.m. at the morning meeting of 22 September 2024, any explanation of vote on the outcome document shall be incorporated into national

statements instead of being made at the opening segment (decision 78/555, annex, para. 9).

19. Further information on the interactive dialogues will be announced in due course.

20. Representatives of non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council are invited to participate in the Summit in accordance with relevant rules and procedures of the General Assembly.

21. The General Assembly requested the President to draw up a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector who may participate in the Summit, taking into account the principles of transparency and equitable geographical representation, with due regard for gender parity, to submit the proposed list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis and to bring the list to the attention of the Assembly for a final decision by the Assembly on participation in the Summit (see decision 78/556).

22. All Member States and members of the United Nations specialized agencies are encouraged to facilitate the participation of youth in the Summit.

23. Additional information is available on the website of the Summit of the Future: www.un.org/en/summit-of-the-future.

High-level meeting convened by the President of the General Assembly on addressing the existential threats posed by sea level rise

24. The high-level meeting on addressing the existential threats posed by sea level rise will be held on Wednesday, 25 September 2024, according to the following schedule:

10–10.20 a.m.	Opening segment (Trusteeship Council Chamber)
10.20 a.m.–1 p.m.	Plenary segment (Trusteeship Council Chamber)
10.30–11.45 a.m.	Multi-stakeholder panel 1 (Conference Room 1)
11.45 a.m.–1 p.m.	Multi-stakeholder panel 2 (Conference Room 1)
3–5.40 p.m.	Plenary segment (Trusteeship Council Chamber)
3–4.15 p.m.	Multi-stakeholder panel 3 (Conference Room 1)
4.15–5.30 p.m.	Multi-stakeholder panel 4 (Conference Room 1)
5.40–6 p.m.	Closing segment (Trusteeship Council Chamber)

25. The modalities of the high-level meeting are set out in decision 78/544 and resolution 78/319.

26. The opening segment will feature statements by the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-ninth session, the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session and a representative of a Member State affected by the adverse effects of sea level rise.

27. The plenary segment will comprise statements by Member States and observers of the General Assembly and members of the United Nations specialized agencies. Statements will be limited to three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of State. A list of speakers will be established in accordance with the rules of procedure and established practices of the Assembly.

28. Each of the four multi-stakeholder panel discussions will be co-chaired by two representatives, one from a developing country and one from a developed country, to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly from among the representatives attending the high-level meeting, in consultation with Member States, taking into account gender balance and geographical representation. The discussions in and summaries of the Co-Chairs of the four multi-stakeholder panels will be without prejudice to existing processes. The panels will be entitled:

- (a) “Knowledge, data and science to inform sea level rise risk assessments and decision-making”;
- (b) “Adaptation, finance and resilience in relation to sea level rise”;
- (c) “Livelihoods, socioeconomic challenges and culture and heritage in relation to sea level rise”;
- (d) “Sea level rise and its legal dimensions”.

29. The closing segment will comprise summaries of the multi-stakeholder panel discussions to be presented by the Co-Chairs of the panels and concluding remarks by the President of the General Assembly.

High-level plenary meeting convened by the President of the General Assembly to commemorate and promote the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

30. In accordance with General Assembly resolution [78/27](#), the high-level plenary meeting convened by the President of the Assembly to commemorate and promote the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons will be held on Thursday, 26 September.

31. The high-level meeting will be convened in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., with the participation of the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General, in accordance with resolution [78/27](#). The aim of the meeting is to raise awareness about the threat posed to humanity by nuclear weapons and the necessity for their elimination in order to mobilize international efforts towards achieving the common goal of a nuclear-weapon-free world.

32. The meeting will comprise opening statements, followed by a general exchange. The provisional programme for the high-level meeting will be circulated by the President of the General Assembly.

High-level meeting convened by the President of the General Assembly on antimicrobial resistance

33. The high-level meeting on antimicrobial resistance will be held on Thursday, 26 September 2024, according to the following schedule:

10–10.45 a.m.	Opening segment (Conference Room 4)
10.45 a.m.–1 p.m.	Plenary segment (Conference Room 4)
11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Multi-stakeholder panel 1 (Conference Room 1)
3–5 p.m.	Multi-stakeholder panel 2 (Conference Room 1)
3–5.30 p.m.	Plenary segment (Conference Room 4)
5.30–6 p.m.	Closing segment (Conference Room 4)

34. The modalities of the high-level meeting are set out in resolution [78/269](#). The overall theme of the high-level meeting will be “Investing in the present and securing our future together: accelerating multisectoral global, regional and national actions to address antimicrobial resistance”.

35. The opening segment will feature statements by the President of the General Assembly, the President of the Economic and Social Council, the Secretary-General, the Director General of the World Health Organization, the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, the Director General of the World Organisation for Animal Health, the President of the World Bank, a representative of the Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance, as well as a person affected by antimicrobial resistance, selected in consultation with Member States by the President of the General Assembly and giving due consideration to gender balance and geographical representation.

36. The plenary segment will comprise statements by Member States and observers of the General Assembly. Statements will be limited to three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States.

37. The closing segment will comprise summaries of the multi-stakeholder panels and concluding remarks by the President of the General Assembly and a representative of the Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance, as well as a person affected by antimicrobial resistance.

38. The high-level meeting will approve a concise and action-oriented political declaration with a shared vision including the consideration of measurable targets and objectives on, inter alia, mobilizing political will and action at the national, regional and international levels to address the drivers, sources and challenges of antimicrobial resistance, agreed in advance by consensus through intergovernmental negotiations, to be submitted by the President of the General Assembly for adoption by the Assembly.

39. The two multi-stakeholder panels will be held in parallel to the plenary segment and will each be co-chaired by two representatives, one from a developed country and one from a developing country, to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly from among the Heads of State or Government attending the high-level meeting, in consultation with Member States, taking into account gender balance, level of development and geographical representation. Discussions in the multi-stakeholder panels are intended to be interactive in nature, and there will be no pre-established list of speakers.

40. The multi-stakeholder panels will address the following themes:

Panel 1: Addressing the urgent global risk of antimicrobial resistance across the human, animal, plant and environmental sectors through equity, access, building awareness and innovation;

Panel 2: Addressing human health, animal health, agrifood systems and protecting the environment to tackle antimicrobial resistance, through surveillance, capacity-building, sustainable resources, financing and investment.

41. Member States and members of the United Nations specialized agencies are encouraged to participate at the highest possible level, preferably at the level of Heads of State and Government, and to include in their delegations ministers from all relevant ministries, as appropriate, representatives such as parliamentarians, mayors and governors, representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, Indigenous Peoples, people of African descent, community organizations and faith-based organizations, academic institutions and the private sector with expertise in antimicrobial resistance, philanthropic foundations, and

networks representing people affected by antimicrobial resistance, with due regard to gender balance and geographical representation.

42. Observers of the General Assembly are also invited to be represented at the highest possible level.

43. The United Nations system, including funds, programmes and specialized agencies, including the World Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Environment Programme, as well as the World Organisation for Animal Health, the Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, regional commissions and relevant envoys of the Secretary-General, are invited to participate in the high-level meeting, as appropriate, and are urged to consider relevant initiatives, such as the 2021 Call to Action on Antimicrobial Resistance, in support of the preparatory process and the high-level meeting, particularly with regard to sharing evidence and good practices, challenges and lessons learned.

44. Non-governmental organizations with relevant expertise that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council are invited to register with the Secretariat to attend the meeting and participate in the multi-stakeholder panels.

45. The President of the General Assembly has drawn up a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector who may participate in the high-level meeting, including its panel discussions, taking into account the principles of transparency and equitable geographical representation, with due regard for gender parity, has submitted the proposed list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis and has brought the list to the attention of the Assembly for a final decision by the Assembly on participation in the high-level meeting (see decision 78/559).

IV. Events convened by the Secretary-General

Summit of the Future Action Days

46. The Summit of the Future Action Days, convened by the Secretary-General, will take place on 20 and 21 September 2024 at United Nations Headquarters. The Action Days will generate momentum ahead of the mandated Summit and mobilize stakeholders to drive meaningful, long-term action in support of the expected outcomes of the Pact for the Future, the Global Digital Compact and the Declaration on Future Generations. Bringing together representatives of Member States, civil society, the private sector, academia, local and regional authorities, youth organizations and others, the Action Days will provide an opportunity for broad engagement and inclusion. While Member States take the decisions, these stakeholders have all played a key role in shaping the Pact for the Future and will be critical to its implementation.

47. The Action Days will consist of a youth-led half-day of events, on Friday, 20 September, from 1 to 6 p.m., and a full day of events on Saturday, 21 September, from 9 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. The session on Friday afternoon will be led by the United Nations Youth Office in close collaboration with other United Nations entities and relevant networks. The sessions on Saturday will focus on three priority themes: “A digital future for all”; “A peaceful future for all”; and “A sustainable future for all”. They will be coordinated by relevant United Nations entities, including the United Nations Development Programme, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the International Telecommunication Union, the Office of the Envoy of the Secretary-General on Technology, the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, the

Department of Peace Operations, the Office for Disarmament Affairs and the Office of Counter-Terrorism. In addition to the three themes, there will also be a dedicated focus throughout the Action Days on future generations.

48. In parallel to this main programme, a limited number of high-level side events will be organized by Member States, United Nations entities, relevant international organizations, civil society and stakeholder networks, working in partnership, during the Action Days. The side events will provide additional opportunities to amplify the Summit outcomes and to advance multi-stakeholder collaboration. The side events were identified through an open call, with all interested parties invited to submit their applications for on-site events by 19 July 2024. A limited number of off-site and virtual side events will also be held, with applications closing on 19 August 2024.

49. The Secretary-General addressed a letter to Member States, dated 23 April 2024, to invite them to participate in the Action Days and to solicit the highest possible level of participation in the Summit. Additional information on the Action Days is available on the website of the Summit of the Future: www.un.org/en/summit-of-the-future/action-days.

Sustainable Development Goals Moment

50. In line with General Assembly resolution 74/4, the Sustainable Development Goals Moment will be held on Tuesday, 24 September 2024, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

51. The event will bring together representatives of Governments, civil society and international organizations, along with other relevant stakeholders, with a view to taking stock of progress and highlighting pathways to accelerating progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals between now and 2030.

V. Documentation and interpretation

52. At the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly, delegations should submit requests for a limited number of hard copies of official documents to the Chief of the Meetings Support Section (email: chiefmss-dgacm@un.org), at least three working days prior to the date on which they are needed. Official documentation is also available online through the Official Document System (<https://documents.un.org>).

53. Delegations requiring hard copies of documents can use the print-on-demand services provided at the Documents Assistance Centre located on the 2nd floor of the Conference Building (room CB-0264) as well as the Documents Counter located in the first basement level of the Secretariat Building (room S-1B-032). For further enquiries, contact 212 963 7348/9 or chiefmss-dgacm@un.org.

54. The list of documents issued for the day and the *Journal* are also available through the eSubscription service (www.undocs.org) of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. Delegates can sign up to receive the latest edition of the *Journal* and documents issued daily at Headquarters for viewing directly on their computers or mobile devices.

55. To facilitate the provision of interpretation, verbatim reporting and summary record services, delegations are requested to submit their statements (preferably in Microsoft Word, as well as the PDF versions) by email to estatements@un.org. The title of the meeting and the name of the speaker, as well as the agenda item, should be indicated in the subject line of the email and in the heading of the statement. The statement should be submitted well in advance of the meeting, but no later than two hours before delivery, and not in hard copy. The statements will remain embargoed

until their delivery, after which they will be available in the eStatements section of the *Journal*.

56. Statements made in any of the six official languages of the General Assembly are interpreted into the other official languages. Speakers are requested to deliver the statement at a speed that is interpretable. While delegations are increasingly given a time frame in which to deliver their statements, they are kindly requested to do so at a normal speed, to enable the interpreters to provide an accurate and complete rendition of their statements. When statements are delivered at a fast pace, the quality of the interpretation may suffer. It is suggested not to exceed the speed of about 100 to 120 words per minute (as a guide for statements delivered in English) to ensure that the statement is delivered at a normal pace.

57. Any speaker may also make a statement in a language other than the official languages. In such cases, in accordance with rule 53 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the delegation in question must provide an interpreter from the non-official language into an official language. A spare interpretation booth, if available, will be reserved in each conference room to accommodate interpreters provided by Member States to interpret from their national languages into one of the six official languages. This facility will be available only for the duration of the national statement and only in one direction. Exceptional arrangements for bidirectional interpretation facilities for Heads of State or Government may be requested. However, ability to accommodate such requests will be very limited. Delegations seeking to provide their own interpreters for non-official languages are requested to inform the Meetings Management Section of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management well in advance by email (gmeets@un.org) and to copy the Interpretation Service (is-unhq@un.org), the Protocol and Liaison Service (unprotocol@un.org) and the Broadcast and Conference Support Section (request-for-services@un.org). The Meetings Management Section will provide further instructions.

58. The daily *Journal of the United Nations*, featuring information on the current day's meetings and on forthcoming meetings, and summaries of official meetings held the previous day, is available in a multilingual digital format, compatible with mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets, at <https://journal.un.org>. The *Journal of the United Nations* offers a downloadable PDF for the daily programme and individual PDFs that can be downloaded for each meeting. The meeting-level PDF contains information about the meeting such as the agenda, documents, eStatements, summary of the meeting, official records, webcast and meetings coverage. In addition, the progressive web app is a downloadable application that allows users to read the *Journal* on their devices. Instead of manually going to the *Journal* website through a browser, the progressive web app allows readers to view the *Journal* directly from an app. The progressive web app for the *Journal* is available in all six official languages. Enquiries regarding the *Journal* should be addressed to the Journal Unit (email: journal@un.org).

VI. Credentials

59. In accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, credentials for the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly must be addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs. In accordance with rule 25 of the rules of procedure, the delegation may consist of not more than five representatives and five alternate representatives and as many advisers, technical advisers, experts and persons of similar status as may be required by the delegation.

60. Delegations are requested to submit scanned copies of the credentials, as well as of other communications containing the names of representatives to the seventy-ninth session (such as letters and notes verbales from the permanent missions), if possible, by 3 September 2024, through the online platform, e-Credentials, under the tab entitled “79th session of the General Assembly”, which can be accessed through the e-deleGATE portal (<https://edelegate.un.int>). Email submissions of scanned copies of the credentials will not be accepted. Only the original hard copy of the formal credentials should be delivered to the Office of Legal Affairs located on the 36th floor of the Secretariat Building. For enquiries, please email ccredentials@un.org.

VII. Protocol registration and access arrangements for Member States, observers, intergovernmental organizations, specialized agencies and related organizations

Registration

61. Registration of official delegations will be carried out by the Protocol and Liaison Service. Missions and offices are required to submit their registration requests for members of their delegations (in-person participants only) by using the existing online eRegistration system, available through the e-deleGATE portal (<https://edelegate.un.int>). Please note that it is not necessary to register as a virtual participant in order to follow meetings online, which are broadcast on United Nations Web TV or on the Internet. Delegations wishing to obtain information on the system may refer to the updated guidelines on eRegistration and the frequently asked questions on the Protocol and Liaison Service website (www.un.org/dgacm/sites/www.un.org.dgacm/files/Documents_Protocol/faq-eregistration-2023-aug-eng.pdf). It should be noted that all registration requests, including requests for VIP passes, must be submitted through the eRegistration system. **The deadline for submission of registration requests is Friday, 13 September 2024.**

62. Heads of State or Government, Vice-Presidents, Crown Princes or Princesses and their spouses will be offered VIP passes without photographs. Deputy Prime Ministers, cabinet ministers, speakers of parliaments and their spouses will be provided VIP passes with photographs.

63. The working hours of the registration unit (telephone: 212 963 7181) in the Protocol and Liaison Service in the days prior to and during the high-level meetings and the general debate are posted on the Protocol and Liaison Service website and at the entry to the Protocol Office.

Access to meeting rooms and restricted areas

64. During the high-level meetings and the general debate of the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly, access to the first basement, ground floor, 2nd floor and parts of the 3rd floor of the United Nations Headquarters complex will require a regular delegate’s pass and a colour-coded secondary access card or a meeting-specific ticket. The access cards or tickets are transferable strictly among members of a delegation only. For that purpose, the Protocol and Liaison Service will proceed as follows:

Access to the General Assembly Hall and other conference rooms for the Summit of the Future on 22 and 23 September 2024

Permanent missions:

- Each permanent mission will be issued six colour-coded access cards of one colour for access to the General Assembly Hall and all areas of the General Assembly and Conference Buildings on 22 and 23 September 2024.

Intergovernmental organizations and specialized agencies:

- Each intergovernmental organization will be issued two colour-coded access cards and each specialized agency will be issued one colour-coded access card of one colour for access to the General Assembly Hall and all areas of the General Assembly and Conference Buildings on 22 and 23 September 2024.

(Further information on the interactive dialogues will be announced in due course.)

Access to the General Assembly Hall for the general debate from 24 to 30 September 2024

Permanent missions:

- Each permanent mission will be issued six colour-coded access cards of one colour for access to the General Assembly Hall and all areas of the General Assembly and Conference Buildings (all area “gold”).

Intergovernmental organizations and specialized agencies:

- Each intergovernmental organization will be issued two colour-coded access cards and each specialized agency will be issued one colour-coded access card for access to the General Assembly Hall and all areas of the General Assembly and Conference Buildings (all area “gold”).

Access to other meeting rooms from 22 to 30 September 2024

65. In addition, for other high-level meetings taking place from 22 to 30 September 2024, meeting-specific tickets for access to various conference rooms may be issued to representatives of Member and observer States, intergovernmental organizations and specialized agencies participating in these meetings and associated panel discussions. These tickets will allow access into the conference room stated on the respective ticket on the date and time stated on the ticket. The meeting room can be accessed via the restricted areas of the General Assembly and Conference Buildings on the date and time of the respective meeting. Additional details will be made available in due course.

“Floaters” (22 to 30 September 2024)

66. In addition, permanent missions, intergovernmental organizations and specialized agencies will receive a limited number of “floaters”, which allow for the presence of support staff during the period from 22 to 30 September 2024 within the restricted areas. A “floater” does not grant access to a conference room.

“Blue floaters”

Permanent missions:

- Each permanent mission will be issued four colour-coded access cards for access to the 2nd floor, as well as the ground floor, first basement and 3rd floor, of the General Assembly and Conference Buildings (“blue floater”). This card will not grant access to a conference room.

Intergovernmental organizations and specialized agencies:

- Each intergovernmental organization and specialized agency will be issued two colour-coded access cards for access to the 2nd floor, as well as the ground floor,

first basement and 3rd floor, of the General Assembly and Conference Buildings (“blue floater”). This card will not grant access to a conference room.

“Brown floaters”

Permanent missions:

- Each permanent mission will be issued two colour-coded access cards for access to parts of the first basement and 3rd floor of the General Assembly and Conference Buildings (“brown floater”). This card will not grant access to a conference room.

Intergovernmental organizations and specialized agencies:

- Each intergovernmental organization and specialized agency will be issued two colour-coded access cards for access to parts of the first basement and 3rd floor of the General Assembly and Conference Buildings (“brown floater”). This card will not grant access to a conference room.

67. A detailed map explaining the different restricted zones will be made available on the home page of the Protocol and Liaison Service.

68. Colour-coded access cards and tickets will be distributed by the Protocol and Liaison Service on Thursday, 19 September 2024, in Conference Room A on a staggered schedule, as follows:

Thursday, 19 September

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Afghanistan to Luxembourg
1–4 p.m.	Madagascar to Zimbabwe
4–5.30 p.m.	Holy See, State of Palestine, General Assembly-accredited intergovernmental organizations and specialized agencies and related organizations

69. Thereafter, access cards may be collected at the Protocol Office, in room S-0200, during office hours.

70. During the address of the heads of delegation at the plenary meeting of the general debate, seats will be reserved in a VIP area for spouses of the Heads of State or Government, Vice-Presidents and Crown Princes or Princesses, provided that the Chief of Protocol is notified in advance of their attendance. Priority will be given to spouses of Heads of State. In addition, depending on availability, a limited number of seats will be reserved for guests of delegations on the 4th floor balcony and in VIP section A (up to eight seats) of the General Assembly Hall during the address of the head of delegation. Access to those areas will require a special courtesy ticket distributed by the Protocol and Liaison Service upon reservation.

71. To make a reservation in the VIP area and the balcony, permanent missions are required to submit a request, by completing an online SG.40 form (entitled “Reservation for courtesy tickets for the general debate”) in the Protocol dropdown menu in the e-deleGATE portal (at <https://edelegate.un.int/portal/protocol/tickets>), specifying the names and titles of all attendees (one seat for the spouse of the head of delegation and up to eight seats for VIP section A) and the date (morning or afternoon) of the address of the head of delegation, at least one week in advance of the address. The number of tickets desired for the 4th floor balcony should also be indicated in the form; however, tickets are subject to availability. The link will be active for reservations starting Tuesday, 10 September 2024. The special courtesy tickets will

be available for collection at the Protocol Office, in room S-0200, after 3 p.m. on the day prior to the address to be made by the head of delegation.

72. All documents, forms and information material on the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly issued by the Protocol and Liaison Service may be accessed at its website (www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol).

VIII. Welcoming

73. Heads of State or Government, Vice-Presidents and Crown Princes or Princesses participating in the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly will be welcomed by the Secretary-General from 8 to 8.30 a.m., and by the Deputy Secretary-General from 8.30 to 8.50 a.m., on Tuesday, 24 September 2024, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber and North Delegates Lounge on the 2nd floor of the General Assembly Building.

IX. Joint briefing

74. A joint in-person briefing on the high-level meetings and the general debate will be held on Thursday, 22 August 2024, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, including the Protocol and Liaison Service, and by the Department of Safety and Security, the Division of Administration of the Department of Operational Support, the Office of Information and Communications Technology, the Department of Global Communications and the Executive Office of the Secretary-General.

X. Arrangements for meetings

Facilities (side events and bilateral meetings)

75. As noted in a letter dated 20 June 2024 from the Chef de Cabinet to the United Nations system entities, the General Assembly, in its resolution [77/335](#), invited Member States and United Nations system entities to join a voluntary pledge to limit the number of side events during the general debate. Requests for side events from Member States will be coordinated and scheduled by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, in accordance with the established procedures, and according to precedence of meetings that are being organized by regional groups or other major groupings.

76. For bilateral meetings, temporary booths will be available in the General Assembly Building and the visitors' lobby during the high-level week of the seventy-ninth session, starting from Sunday, 22 September 2024. Seating capacity is limited to two principals and six advisers in total.

Reservation system for bilateral meetings

77. An electronic reservation system will be activated through gMeets (<https://conferences.unite.un.org/gMeets>) on Tuesday, 27 August 2024, to provide for the equitable and efficient use of the facilities. Delegations are requested to submit reservations electronically by accessing <https://conferences.unite.un.org/gMeets> using their gMeets account username and password and clicking on the "Bilateral" tab. Delegations that require a gMeets account can email gmeets-helpdesk@un.org. The date and time of the bilateral meeting and the name of the other delegation participating in the meeting should be specified in the request. Reservations will be

accepted for bilateral meetings of 20 minutes' duration, on the hour and half hour. To prevent double bookings, only the delegations initiating the bilateral meeting(s) should submit the request.

78. Information about booth assignments will be provided one day prior to the meeting. Depending on the programme, every effort will be made to keep a delegation's consecutive appointments in the same booth. Late requests will be accepted until 6 p.m. on the day prior to the meeting, and every effort will be made to assign a booth on the basis of the availability of space at that time. Delegations requiring further information regarding bilateral meeting requests should send their questions or enquiries to bilats-msu@un.org.

XI. 2024 treaty event

79. To promote the wider participation of States in over 600 multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General by facilitating their signature or deposit of binding instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession during the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly, special arrangements will be made, including media coverage, for a treaty event from 24 to 27 September 2024 in the treaty-signing area on the ground floor of the General Assembly Building. Appointments for signature, ratification, acceptance, approval or accession should be arranged well in advance with the Treaty Section (email: treatysection@un.org). The Treaty Section can also be contacted at 212 963 5047 (Front Desk). Those countries intending to sign, ratify or accede to a convention or treaty must submit copies of their instruments of full powers, if required for signature, or copies of their instruments of ratification or accession, to the Treaty Section for review, preferably, by 6 September 2024. The original instruments are expected at the time of undertaking the relevant treaty action.

80. Detailed information relating to the 2024 treaty event, including the letter of invitation from the Secretary-General, highlighted treaties, as well as a list of all multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and procedural information, can be obtained from the United Nations Treaty Collection website (<https://treaties.un.org>).

81. It should be noted that it is the responsibility of the delegation to escort the representative who will be undertaking the relevant treaty action to the venue five minutes prior to the scheduled appointment. A protocol officer will be present to greet and escort dignitaries (Heads of State or Government, Vice-Presidents, Crown Princes or Princesses).

82. In order to have access to the premises during the 2024 treaty event, national and international media must have previously obtained proper media accreditation from the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit of the Department of Global Communications. For more information, please visit www.un.org/malu/ or contact the Unit at malu@un.org or 212 963 6934.

XII. Security arrangements

General considerations

83. The Headquarters complex will remain closed to the public for the entirety of the high-level period and the general debate, as from 6 p.m. on Friday, 13 September, until close of business on Friday, 4 October 2024. All guided tours will be suspended during this period.

84. Access to the United Nations complex during the high-level meetings will be restricted to delegates and their staff; staff members of the United Nations Secretariat and of the funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system; accredited media; and affiliates who have been issued a United Nations grounds pass.

85. Members of civil society and non-governmental organizations who are invited to attend high-level meetings or other events will be required to be in possession of a valid Member State-issued photo identification and a name-specific special event ticket (indicating a specific meeting, date and time) at all times. The issuance of name-specific special event tickets is the responsibility of the United Nations sponsoring office and/or permanent mission. Non-United Nations guests will require a sponsoring office or delegation staff member escort from the access point on Second Avenue and 46th Street, through the checkpoint on 46th Street and First Avenue, to the 47th Street and First Avenue entrance, where they will enter the Headquarters complex. After screening, they will proceed to the meeting or event location.

86. For all government delegations (Member States or observers), grounds passes will be issued at the office of the Pass and Identification Unit, located at 320 East 45th Street. For grounds passes for national security officers accompanying Heads of State or Government, contact the Special Services Unit (email: security-unhq-specialservices@un.org; telephone: 212 963 7531). Missions and offices are required to submit their registration requests for security personnel (in-person participants only) by using the existing eRegistration system, available through the e-deleGATE portal (<https://edelegate.un.int>).

87. It should be noted that access to the United Nations Headquarters complex will be denied to anyone who is not in the above-listed categories and who is not in possession of a valid grounds pass or special event ticket. To avoid last-minute difficulties, all Governments are requested to ensure the proper accreditation of their delegations.

88. Questions or concerns should be directed to the Chief of the Security and Safety Service, United Nations Headquarters, by contacting the Security Event Planning Unit (email: security_service_coordinator@un.org; telephone: 212 963 7028).

Access to the United Nations Headquarters complex from Sunday, 22 September, to Monday, 30 September 2024

89. The opening hours of the pedestrian entrances are as follows:

42nd Street and First Avenue	24/7 (VIP pass holders, delegates, staff, affiliates and interns only)
46th Street and First Avenue	6 a.m. to close of business (VIP pass holders, delegates, staff and affiliates with secondary colour-coded access cards only)
47th Street and First Avenue	6 a.m. to close of business (media, members of civil society and non-United Nations guests in possession of a name-specific special event ticket only)

90. Please be aware that all packages brought onto the premises by all categories of persons, including delegates and staff, will be subject to security inspection.

91. Prior arrangements are required to be made through notification to the Security Operations Centre at extension 3-6666 for after-hours access to the premises by the press and affiliates.

No pedestrian access through the delegates' entrance

92. During the high-level week of the seventy-ninth session, the delegates' pedestrian entrance gate, located at 45th Street and First Avenue, will be closed owing to motorcade activity. The gate located on the south side of the 46th Street and First Avenue entrance will be reserved for the use of high-level VIPs, heads of delegations, permanent representatives to the United Nations, members of delegations that have been issued secondary access cards and senior United Nations staff who are in possession of gold-coloured grounds passes in order to access the delegates' entrance.

Pass and identification office: issuance of grounds passes

93. In preparation for the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly, the Pass and Identification Unit, located on the ground floor of the FF Building at 320 East 45th Street, will be open to staff members and members of delegations.

94. The issuance of annual and temporary non-governmental organization passes will be suspended on Friday, 30 August 2024, and will resume at the end of the general debate, on 2 October 2024. Any non-governmental organization invited to attend meetings or events during the high-level period will be issued with special event tickets by the sponsoring United Nations office or Member State.

95. The days and hours of operation of the office will be as follows:

Monday to Thursday, 16 to 19 September	8.30 a.m.–4 p.m.
Friday, 20 September	8 a.m.–6 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, 21 and 22 September	8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Monday to Wednesday, 23 to 25 September	7 a.m.–6 p.m.
Thursday and Friday, 26 and 27 September	8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, 28 and 29 September	Closed
Monday, 30 September	8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Access to restricted areas

96. In accordance with the established procedures, it should be noted that access to the General Assembly and Conference Buildings is reserved for members of delegations and staff who are conducting official business. In all cases, including for staff members of the United Nations, valid United Nations grounds passes and secondary colour-coded access cards will be required. Owing to space constraints on the 2nd floor of the General Assembly Building, members of delegations in possession of a grounds pass and a secondary colour-coded access card are requested not to congregate within that area and instead to use the 2nd floor of the Conference Building.

97. Representatives of non-governmental organizations in possession of a valid name-specific special event ticket are not permitted access to the restricted areas; their access to meetings at Headquarters will be honoured upon verification of a valid name-specific special event ticket issued for that day's meeting(s).

Escorted motorcade drop-off

98. Escorted motorcades will be authorized to enter the United Nations Headquarters complex at the 43rd Street and First Avenue vehicular entrance and drop off their passengers at the delegates' arrival tent. Thereafter, they will be required to exit the premises through the 45th Street and First Avenue gate. All escorted motorcade movements on the premises will be established by the Security and Safety Service and coordinated in conjunction with the host country.

Unescorted motorcade drop-off

99. Unescorted vehicles will be allowed to drop off passengers at the 46th Street and First Avenue crosswalk. A valid United Nations grounds pass and an authorized United Nations e-tag (issued by the Garage Administration and labelled "UNGA79") will be required for presentation at the 46th Street and Second Avenue vehicle checkpoint prior to access being granted.

Traffic in the Secretariat Circle and through the 43rd Street gate

100. The very limited operating space in the Secretariat Circle and delegates roadway areas requires strict controls in respect of access to those areas, in order to ensure safety and to avoid undue obstructions and delays of delegation vehicles and the motorcades of high-level government officials.

101. Vehicular access to the premises through the gate at First Avenue and 43rd Street is permitted only to host country law enforcement-escorted motorcades.

102. The regular traffic pattern permitting authorized vehicles to exit the Secretariat Circle through the 45th Street gate from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays will resume on Tuesday, 1 October 2024.

Parking

103. For the duration of the high-level meetings and the general debate, with the exception of escorted motorcades, all vehicles authorized to enter the premises will be permitted to enter the garage through the 48th Street entrance, which will be operational from 6 a.m. to close of business daily from 22 to 28 September and on 30 September. The exit will be through 42nd Street. Please note that traffic lanes within the third basement service drive and roadways in the garage must be kept free of stationary vehicles at all times. Vehicles left in those areas will be subject to towing.

104. All vehicles entering the Headquarters complex will be subject to search. Thus, it is highly recommended that drivers limit the contents inside their vehicles in order to expedite the physical security clearances.

105. Bicycles, scooters and other portable personal means of transport, including battery operated versions, will not be permitted in the Headquarters premises.

XIII. Media access arrangements and services

106. Media representatives with a valid United Nations grounds pass will be allowed to cover the general debate and other high-level meetings without additional accreditation.

107. Accreditation of media representatives accompanying the delegation, including official photographers and videographers, is carried out by the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit. Missions and offices are required to submit their media accreditation requests by using the eRegistration system, available through the e-deleGATE portal at

<https://edelegate.un.int> (instructions can be found at www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/pdf/eRegistration_guide_media_passes.pdf). Requests should be submitted no later than 13 September 2024 to ensure timely processing. Government press or information officers and spokespersons should not be accredited as members of the media, unless their role is to take photos or videos and they carry professional camera equipment. Official photographers and videographers should be accredited as media to ensure access to cover meetings and other media opportunities.

108. Media representatives who wish to apply for accreditation independently must submit the online form and upload a request on the letterhead of their media organization. The deadline for media representatives to request accreditation on their own behalf is 30 August 2024. Instructions can be found at www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/accreditation.shtml.

109. Media passes can be picked up in person or by a delegate at the Pass and Identification Unit (see sect. XII on security arrangements for location and hours of operation).

110. The designated entrance for accredited media is located at 47th Street and First Avenue, where media representatives and their equipment will be subject to security screening. All media representatives will be required to present a valid United Nations grounds pass to the United Nations security officers at the gate. All media representatives must clearly display their United Nations grounds passes at all times.

111. Members of the media are advised to arrive early to allow sufficient time for screening. Last-minute arrivals will encounter delays, in particular when First Avenue is closed for motorcades.

112. Accredited media representatives, including official photographers and videographers, must be escorted by Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit staff at all times in the restricted areas. Escort is available from the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit office (room S-0250) and the following ad hoc liaison desks:

- Liaison desk on the 3rd floor of the General Assembly Building (accessible via the external ramp from the visitors' plaza), for access to General Assembly media booths, the delegates' entrance and the treaty-signing area
- Liaison desk on the 3rd floor of the Conference Building, for access to the Security Council Chamber, the Trusteeship Council Chamber and the Economic and Social Council Chamber
- Liaison desk on the 1st floor of the Conference Building, for access to Conference Rooms 1 to 4 and the East Lounge

113. Photographers and videographers will be escorted by Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit staff to the General Assembly Hall media booths to cover national statements. Official photographers will also be able to take photographs from the bridge at the back of the General Assembly Hall during national statements. Photographers are advised to bring a long lens. Owing to space limitations, they may not be able to remain on the bridge to cover other speeches.

114. A limited number of tickets will be available for the press gallery of the General Assembly Hall and other meetings that require secondary event tickets. These seats are reserved for print media without cameras. Media liaison desk staff will distribute tickets on a first-come, first-served basis 30 minutes before the meetings. Missions and offices organizing side events should inform the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit whether media can attend and allocate press tickets accordingly.

115. Photographers and videographers interested in covering photo opportunities at bilateral meetings with the Secretary-General must be at the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit office (room S-0250) at least 30 minutes ahead of the meeting time.

116. Delegations will be provided with two secondary “press attaché” cards. These cards must be worn by a delegate grounds pass holder and should not be given to media pass holders. “Press attaché” card holders may enter with their delegation’s media representative(s) at the 47th Street entrance and escort up to five media pass holders to the **designated bilateral booths in the General Assembly Building** (access through the visitors’ plaza). “Press attaché” card holders must remain with their delegation’s media representative(s) and escort them out of the restricted area after they complete their assignments.

117. A temporary media centre will be located on the North Lawn, where accredited media can work, watch and record feeds from select meetings and briefings and connect to the Wi-Fi network (5 GHz). Media representatives are required to bring their own cables to record live video and audio feeds. The following feeds will be available: HD-SDI (1080x1920/60i) on a 75-ohm BNC connector with all embedded audio channels and, for separate audio, balanced analogue audio at microphone level (-48 dBu) on a 600-ohm XLR connector.

118. Downloadable video files and photographs will be available from the Department of Global Communications (see the section below entitled “United Nations audiovisual materials”).

119. Members of the media can request documents, statements and press releases from the Media Documents Centre by emailing mdc@un.org or visiting room S-0219.

120. A list of in-person and online meetings, briefings and other events open to the media will be posted daily at www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/alert.shtml.

121. Information regarding media accreditation and arrangements during the high-level period will be continually updated and available at www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/unga.shtml.

122. For more information, contact the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit (email: malu@un.org; telephone: 212 963 6934).

Audiovisual services

123. Audiovisual services for meetings and events at the United Nations complex in New York are provided by the Broadcast and Conference Support Section of the Office of Information and Communications Technology (email: request-for-services@un.org; telephone: 212 963 9485; room: CB-1B-79).

124. Clients should initiate all requests for meetings or events requiring audiovisual services through the meetings planning and resource allocation system (gMeets) or One-Stop Shop (please refer to the related user guides). For audiovisual services, please select the Broadcast and Conference Support Section to identify the services required. Following the approval of the meeting or event, clients should engage the services of the Section, if required.

United Nations audiovisual materials

125. Photographs in digital format (JPG) will be available for download, free of charge, on the United Nations photo website (<https://dam.media.un.org>). Photo enquiries and requests should be addressed to the United Nations Photo Library (email: photolibrary@un.org).

126. Digital files of speeches delivered during the general debate can be downloaded from the United Nations Audiovisual Library website (www.unmultimedia.org/avlibrary) in MPEG-4 (H.264) format, free of charge. Delegations may request high-resolution broadcast-quality video files, such as MOV files, through the Audiovisual Library (email: avlibrary@un.org). Delegations may also request digital copies of other meetings through the Audiovisual Library, subject to availability. All requests will be serviced in the order in which they are received.

127. Audio files of speeches in digital format (MP3) will also be available for download, free of charge, from the United Nations Audiovisual Library website. Audio enquiries and requests should also be addressed to the United Nations Audiovisual Library.

128. Live television feeds will be available through commercial carriers (see <https://media.un.org/untv/en/transmission-guide>). For more information, contact Alan Adair (telephone: 347 0268 8135; email: alan.adair@un.org) or Cesar Martin Redi (telephone: 917 367 9231; mobile: 914 393 1072; email: redi@un.org) at United Nations Television.

129. Only pool television production services will be available from United Nations Television. Broadcasters interested in gaining access to live coverage of the high-level meetings and the general debate should contact Alan Adair or Cesar Martin Redi.

130. The United Nations webcast service will provide daily live and on-demand streaming coverage of the high-level meetings and the general debate through the following platforms:

- United Nations Web TV website (webtv.un.org) – in all six official languages, plus the original language of the speaker
- United Nations channel on YouTube (youtube.com/unitednations) – in English
- The social media platform X (formerly known as Twitter) (twitter.com/UNWebTV) – in English

131. Video recordings of each speaker at the general debate will be posted in all six official languages and in the original language of the speaker on the United Nations Web TV website for on-demand access. Additional webcast coverage will include press conferences, media stake-outs and other meetings and events. Queries about webcast coverage should be directed to the United Nations webcast service (telephone: 212 963 6733; email: damianou@un.org or justin@un.org).

Internet and social media

132. The United Nations website (www.un.org) will provide, through a dedicated portal web page (<http://gadebate.un.org>), links to live and on-demand coverage of the high-level meetings of the General Assembly. Any queries about the web page or the main UN website in general (www.un.org), should be directed to Peter Dawkins, Chief of the Web Services Section (telephone: 917 769 1318; email: dawkins@un.org).

133. The Meetings Coverage Section, through its portal websites (English: www.un.org/press/en; and French: www.un.org/press/fr), will provide coverage of the General Assembly plenary and high-level meetings in both English and French. Copies of press releases will also be available on demand, from the Media Documents Centre.

134. The United Nations News website (news.un.org/en) serves as the main portal for United Nations news and will be continuously updated in the six official languages, as well as Hindi, Kiswahili and Portuguese. It will provide a wide array of

links to source materials, including press releases, selected reports and statements of the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly. A feed will provide up-to-date news about the work of the General Assembly in all official languages. Readers can also subscribe to a free email news alert service that will deliver stories on the latest United Nations developments straight to their mailboxes or desktops. Daily updates will continue to be provided through the United Nations News social media accounts (Facebook and X (formerly known as Twitter)).

135. Two free smartphone applications are available to enable delegations and the media to follow the proceedings on their mobile phones. The United Nations News Reader app (for Android and iOS devices in the six official languages, as well as Hindi, Kiswahili and Portuguese) provides constantly updated multimedia stories from the United Nations News platforms. Users of the app can also watch meetings live and link to the daily press briefing of the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General, as well as receive news alerts. United Nations Audio Channels (for iOS and Android devices in the six official languages, as well as Kiswahili and Portuguese) provide selected audio from the General Assembly Hall and the Security Council Chamber, in addition to United Nations News audio programmes in eight languages – the six official languages and Kiswahili and Portuguese. For any urgent matters related to United Nations News, please contact Victor Evans-Harvey (evans-harvey@un.org).

136. Regular social media updates will be posted to the United Nations flagship accounts managed by the Department of Global Communications, which are listed at www.un.org/social. Heads of delegations and influencers will be invited to participate online in General Assembly social media activities. Member States are also encouraged to post social media updates using the hashtag #UNGA. Questions about social media coverage may be directed to the Social Media Section (telephone: 212 963 4121; email: orantes@un.org).

Briefings and press conferences

137. Daily briefings for the media will be given by the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General at noon in room S-0237. Press conferences by senior United Nations officials, delegations and the permanent missions will be held in the same room, unless otherwise indicated. These arrangements may be altered depending on public health issues. The list of press conferences will be announced daily by the Office of the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General. It will also be available on the website of the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit (www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/alert.shtml) and on the social media platform X (@UNMediaLiaison).

138. Delegations can book press conferences by calling the Office of the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General (telephone: 212 963 7707, 212 963 7160 or 212 963 7161).

139. Briefings and press conferences are open only to members of the media.

XIV. Broadcast and conference support

140. Audiovisual services for meetings and events at United Nations Headquarters in New York are provided by the Broadcast and Conference Support Section of the Office of Information and Communications Technology (email: request-for-services@un.org; telephone: 212 963 8648).

Conferences, meetings and events

141. The services of the Broadcast and Conference Support Section include the provision and operation of conference room- and meeting-related technology,

Congress microphone and simultaneous interpretation systems, voting and timer systems, broadcast for television, radio and Internet coverage, recordings, digital displays, digital projection, digital name plates, virtual participation technology (videoconferences technology and managed virtual meetings platforms, such as Microsoft Teams and Cisco WebEx), sound amplification and accessibility-related services such as closed captioning and sign language. Requests for services should be sent to the Broadcast and Conference Support Section (request-for-services@un.org). Audiovisual and related meeting and event technology and support is provided on a budgeted and reimbursable basis.

142. The following services are provided for official calendar meetings:

- Congress microphone and simultaneous interpretation systems
- Sound amplification and public address systems
- Projection and electronic displays
- Recordings
- Broadcast coverage and transmission
- Digital signage and digital name plates
- Teleprompter(s)
- Captioning (open and closed)
- Display of sign language interpretation

143. Additional services and/or services to non-budgeted meetings are available upon request and provided on a cost-recovery basis. Cost estimates and a rate card are available upon request (email: request-for-services@un.org; telephone: 212 963 8648).

Audiovisual accessibility-related technologies

144. The Broadcast and Conference Support Section facilitates the provision of accessibility-related support technologies and services, including open and closed captioning and the capture and display of sign language interpretation (email: request-for-services@un.org; telephone: 212 963 8648).

Broadcast, streaming and recording services

145. Broadcast, streaming and digital audio and video recording services are available for meetings and events.

Video projection, television and computer monitors and other digital display and audio-related services

146. Projectors, monitors and speaker systems for multimedia playout, presentations and display in conference and meeting rooms are provided by the Broadcast and Conference Support Section. Cost estimates and a rate card are available upon request (email: request-for-services@un.org; telephone: 212 963 8648).

XV. Access to representatives of non-governmental organizations

147. From 1 September, no new passes will be approved or issued for representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council for the duration of the high-level week of the General Assembly. Access to United Nations premises will be granted with valid United Nations grounds passes only until 21 September 2024. From 22 to 30 September 2024, the use of

annual and temporary grounds passes for non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to enter the Headquarters complex will be suspended.

148. A limited number of special passes for the General Assembly will be distributed daily from 23 to 27 September by the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs on a first-come, first-served basis at the corner of Second Avenue and 46th Street (to be confirmed) from 9 to 10 a.m. and from 2 to 3 p.m. for participation on the same day. Owing to the limited number of passes available, and in order to provide equal opportunity to all non-governmental organizations in consultative status to attend the sessions, special half-day passes will be distributed to one representative of each NGO to attend either the morning session or the afternoon session of the general debate, but not both. In other words, non-governmental organizations participating in the morning session cannot participate in the afternoon session.

149. If representatives of non-governmental organizations register for specific events and are approved to participate, they will be issued name-specific special event passes for those events by the Department of Safety and Security, for distribution by the event organizers. The usual procedures for United Nations grounds passes will be reinstated as from 2 October 2024.

XVI. Medical services

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

150. All attendees who are unwell should immediately leave the complex and seek medical support from an external provider. Any attendee who becomes ill with COVID-19-like symptoms or who tests positive for COVID-19 after attending an event at the United Nations complex is strongly encouraged to notify their sponsoring entity or permanent mission, who will determine whether this information is to be shared with other attendees according to their own protocols.

Emergencies/other care

151. During the high-level meetings, an immediate medical response capability for emergencies will operate from the Headquarters medical clinic in the Secretariat Building and, depending on the circumstances, may be supported by New York City emergency response services. Attendees with any other illness are encouraged to see a local physician for further care, but may seek support from the Headquarters medical clinic on the 5th floor of the Secretariat Building for first aid for minor physical injuries.

152. Delegations with questions relating to medical issues, including support arrangements for Heads of State, are requested to send their enquiries by email to unhqclinic@un.org.

XVII. Host country liaison

153. All enquiries concerning host country matters should be directed to James Donovan at the United States Mission to the United Nations during regular business hours (telephone: 646 510 0008; after hours, 212 415 4444, 646 510 0008) or to Lisa Bowen (telephone: 212 415 4144; mobile: 646 510 0041).

XVIII. Additional information and briefing sessions

154. Additional information will be issued, if the need arises, to update and expand the information contained in the present note. In addition, question-and-answer sessions for interested delegations may be arranged in the weeks leading up to the high-level meetings and the general debate.

155. In the lead-up to the high-level meetings, the following information documents have been issued:

- Press kit for the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly
- Delegates' handbook

156. Cafeteria services at Headquarters during the high-level meetings and general debate of the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly are as follows:

- Delegates Dining Room and private dining rooms may be reserved for private functions. Please contact the Director of Catering, Lee Hayden (telephone: 212 963 7029; email: lhayden@culinartinc.com).
- Riverview Café, 4th floor of the Conference Building, open until 20 September; closed from 21 to 27 September; reopens as from 30 September, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Vienna Café, first basement level of the General Assembly Building, open until 20 September, from 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; on 21 and 22 September, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; from 23 to 27 September, from 8.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; on 28 September, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; normal operating hours as from 30 September, from 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Main Café, 1st floor of the South Annex Building, open from 23 to 27 September, from 7.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Lobby Café, 1st floor of the Secretariat Building, open until 19 September; closed from 20 to 27 September; reopens as from 30 September, from 8 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.
- North Delegates Lounge, 2nd floor of the Conference Building, open until 20 September, normal operating hours from 9.30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; open for meetings but with no café or bar services after 6 p.m. from 21 to 23 September; closed for meetings and food services on 24 September; open for normal operating hours on 25 September, from 9.30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- South Garden outdoor dining area, by the satellite dish, first basement level of the Secretariat Building, open from 23 to 27 September, from 7.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Café de la Paix, first basement level of the Secretariat Building, open until 20 September, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; on 21 and 22 September, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; reopens from 23 September, normal operating hours from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Visitors Café, first basement level of the General Assembly Building, remains open throughout the weekend of 21 and 22 September and until 27 September, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; normal operating hours as from 30 September, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

157. A total of 17 vending machines are in operation at United Nations Headquarters, as follows:

- Visitors Centre, General Assembly Building, first basement level (two for snacks, two for hot beverages and two for cold beverages)

- Library neck area, 1st floor, between the South Annex Building and the Library Building (one for snacks and one for cold beverages)
- Conference Building, 1st floor (one for snacks, one for hot beverages and one for cold beverages)
- Corridor by the Pouch Office (GA-3B-710), General Assembly Building, third basement level (one for cold beverages)
- Corridor by the old loading dock (across from staircase F), Conference Building, third basement level (one for snacks)
- Language Learning Centre (corridor by NL-3B-BCSTN-25), North Lawn Building, third basement level (one for snacks and one for cold beverages)
- Department of Safety and Security Command Centre Pantry, Conference Building, second basement level (one for snacks and one for cold beverages)

XIX. Sustainability

158. The United Nations has put in place a number of measures to minimize its environmental impact, including in relation to reducing energy and water consumption and preventing and managing waste at United Nations Headquarters. All participants are encouraged to contribute to sustainability efforts.

159. United Nations Headquarters implements a single-use plastic ban, and has removed single-use plastics from catering and other services provided to staff and visitors since June 2019. Waste segregation is encouraged, and properly labelled waste bins are available in strategic locations within the Headquarters complex. Participants are urged to comply with relevant procedures and waste separation signage. Participants are also encouraged to bring reusable bottles and mugs and to avoid disposable cups and plastic water bottles.

160. Participants are encouraged to minimize paper consumption. Participants are urged to use portable devices as the main way to access documentation, including the daily *Journal of the United Nations*, to limit demand for printed materials and reduce paper consumption. Participants are also encouraged to distribute non-official documentation electronically.

161. A number of online services are made available for the benefit of delegations. Participants can register through the eSubscription service (<https://esubscription.un.org/>) of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management to receive a list with links to official documents and the *Journal*, sent directly to a designated email address.

XX. Accessibility: arrangements for persons with disabilities

162. Delegations are requested to inform the Secretariat of the accessibility requirements of delegates in order to facilitate participation in meetings. Upon request, adjustments can be made to seating arrangements with a view to enabling the participation of persons with disabilities, in accordance with paragraphs 33 and 34 of General Assembly resolution 73/341. For individual requests, please contact the Meetings Support Section of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (email: accessibilitycentre@un.org; telephone: 212 963 7348/9) no later than three working days prior to the meeting. Every effort will be made to assist with reasonable accommodation, should it be available.

163. The United Nations Accessibility Centre, located on the first basement level of the Secretariat Building (room S-1B-032), offers assistive information and communications technology to support those with auditory, visual or physical impairments. The assistive devices are available on-site or can be loaned to participants with disabilities. Requests should be submitted no later than three working days prior to the meeting. For further enquiries regarding available assistive tools, please contact the Centre (email: accessibilitycentre@un.org; telephone: 212 963 7348/9). More information is available at www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/accessibility.

164. In addition, print-on-demand services are offered to participants requiring Braille copies of meeting documents. Requests for Braille copies should be sent to the Chief of the Meetings Support Section (email: chiefmss-dgacm@un.org) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting date for processing.

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