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Letter dated 3 September 2024 from the Chair of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I am writing to you in relation to the provisions of paragraph 7 of section I of General Assembly resolution [40/243](#), according to which no subsidiary organ of the Assembly may meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly. Subsidiary organs wishing to meet during a regular session of the Assembly must submit their requests through the Committee on Conferences.

I wish to inform you that the Committee on Conferences has received requests from the following entities to meet in New York during the main part of the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly: the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People; the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women; the Group of Governmental Experts on the continuing operation of the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms; the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction; the Committee on Relations with the Host Country; the open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021–2025; and the Independent Audit Advisory Committee.

Since the issuance of the report of the Secretary-General on the pattern of conferences ([A/79/87](#)), the Committee has received additional requests from the Working Group of the Whole of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and the Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

The Committee on Conferences, having carefully considered those requests and the reasons for them, does not object, on the strict understanding that all such meetings would be allocated conference services on an “if available” basis, in such a way as to ensure that the work of the General Assembly and its Main Committees is not impeded.

* [A/79/150](#).



Accordingly, I should be grateful if the General Assembly would explicitly authorize the following entities to meet in accordance with their requests, subject to the conditions referred to in the foregoing paragraph: the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People; the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women; the Group of Governmental Experts on the continuing operation of the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms; the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction; the Committee on Relations with the Host Country; the open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021–2025, the Independent Audit Advisory Committee; the Working Group of the Whole of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations; and the Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

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