

Draft decision submitted by the PGA under agenda item 122 (Strengthening of the United Nations system)

Establishment of the list of speakers for the Summit of the Future

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 76/307 of 8 September 2022, in particular its paragraphs 6 to 9 and 12 concerning the plenary meetings,

1. Decides that the plenary meetings of the Summit of the Future shall be held, based on two meetings a day, as follows:

Sunday, 22 September 2024: from 9 a.m.¹ to 3 p.m. and from 3 to 9 p.m.

Monday, 23 September 2024: from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 3 to 9 p.m.²

2. Decides further that the list of speakers for the Summit shall be established in accordance with the procedure set forth in the annex to the present decision.

Annex

1. The list of speakers for the plenary meetings of the Summit of the Future will be established on the basis of four meetings. Following the opening segment from 9 to 10 a.m. on 22 September 2024, the remainder of that plenary meeting, until 3 p.m. will have 300 minutes for statements. The afternoon meeting of 22 September 2024 and the morning meeting of 23 September 2024 will each have 360 minutes for statements. The afternoon meeting of 23 September 2024 will have 330 minutes for statements, to be followed by the closing segment from 8:30 to 9 p.m.
2. The list of speakers for the plenary meetings of the Summit will be established initially as follows:
 - (a) The representative of the Secretary-General will draw one name from a box containing the names of all Member States, the Cook Islands, the Holy See, Niue and the State of Palestine, as well as the European Union (if presenting positions of the European Union and its member States as agreed by them, pursuant to paragraph 1 (a) of the annex to resolution 65/276 of 3 May 2011). This procedure will be repeated until all names have

¹ The plenary meeting in the morning of 22 September will begin at 9 a.m. with the opening segment from 9 to 10 a.m. 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, pursuant to resolution 76/307 (para. 6 (a)).

² Including a closing segment from 8.30 to 9.00 p.m., which will feature a statement from the President of the General Assembly, pursuant to resolution 76/307 (para. 6 (b)).

- been drawn from the box, thus establishing the order in which delegations will be invited to choose their meetings and select their speaking slots;
- (b) Four boxes will be prepared, each one representing a plenary meeting and each one containing number corresponding to speaking slots at that meeting as follows:³ 60 speaking slots for the morning meeting of 22 September 2024; 72 speaking slots for the afternoon meeting of 22 September 2024; 72 speaking slots for the morning meeting of 23 September 2024; 66 speaking slots for the afternoon meeting of 23 September 2024;
 - (c) Once the name of a participating State or the European Union has been drawn by the representative of the Secretary-General, that delegation will be invited first to choose a meeting and then to draw from the appropriate box the number indicating the speaking slot in the meeting. The delegation will indicate to the Secretariat at that time the level of representation of the speaker and advise if its statement will be on behalf of a group. If, at the time when the speaking slot is selected, a delegation cannot indicate the level of its speaker, the Secretariat will record it as the level of Chair of delegation.
 - (d) If a delegation is absent from the meeting room when the name of that delegation is called, it will be given the opportunity to select a speaking slot from the box representing the preferred meeting (as availability permits) following the conclusion of the drawing of lots procedure and again prior to the end of the special meeting stipulated in paragraph 3 below. This opportunity will be given in the same order in which the delegation's name was initially drawn.
 - (e) Delegations who are unable to attend the special meeting for the drawing of lots may inscribe on the list of speakers for seven calendar days after the drawing of lots by contacting the Secretariat. These delegations will be given the opportunity to select a speaking slot from those remaining at the time of their inscription. After that deadline, no more inscription by States or the European Union (if presenting positions of the European Union and its member States as agreed by them, pursuant to paragraph 1 (a) of the annex to resolution 65/276) will be possible.
3. The establishment of the initial list of speakers for the Summit as outlined in paragraph 2 above will take place at a special meeting to be scheduled within one month of the adoption of the present decision.
 4. Subsequently, the list of speakers for each meeting will be rearranged in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly when organizing each category of speakers, following the order resulting from the selection process outlined in paragraph 2 above. Accordingly, within each plenary meeting, Heads of State will be accorded priority, followed by Vice-Presidents and Crown Princes or Princesses, Heads of Government, Deputy Prime Ministers, Ministers and Vice-Ministers, with group statements given further priority within each level. These levels will be followed by that of Chairs of Delegation. Member States will be placed first within a given level in a given meeting, subject to the provision in paragraph (k) in the annex to resolution ES-10/23 of 10 May 2024.

³ Based on the five-minute time limit applicable to participating States, pursuant to resolution 76/307 (para. 7).

5. The first provisional list of speakers will be made available shortly after the completion of the drawing of lot. Subsequent changes will be made in the following manner:
 - (a) If the level of representation changes, the speaker will be moved to the last speaking slot in the appropriate category at the same meeting.
 - (b) Participating States and the European Union may arrange to exchange their speaking slots. In equality of the level of representation, a delegation will be moved to the exact position of the other delegation. In the case of inequality of the level of representation, a delegation will be moved to the last position in the appropriate category at the meeting to which it is changing. Exchanges will be considered as completed only when all the delegations concerned have provided the Secretariat with their written confirmation as set forth above. Completed exchanges will only be cancelled upon notification by all the delegations concerned to the Secretariat of their intention to cancel the exchanges.
6. The second provisional list of speakers will be made available shortly after the deadline mentioned in paragraph 2 (e) above.
7. Following the circulation of the second provisional list, the Secretariat will open the remaining speaking slots to inscription by entities having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the work of the General Assembly⁴ and the United Nations system, including the funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions, as well as the Bretton Woods institutions,⁵ who are invited, time permitting, to make statements up to three minutes, on a first-come, first served basis.
8. 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 within the same meeting.
9. In order to accommodate all speakers at the Summit, statements by the participating States should be limited to five minutes, pursuant to resolution 76/307 (para. 7) on the understanding that this will not preclude the distribution of more extensive texts. Pursuant to rule 72 of the rules of procedure, 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. in the morning meeting of 22 September 2024, any explanation of vote on the outcome document shall be incorporated in national statements instead of being made at the opening segment.

⁴ Resolution 76/307, para.8.

⁵ Resolution 76/307, para.9.