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**THE PRESIDENT OF THE 76TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS
Mr. ABDULLA SHAHID**

**THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
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THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AND PEACEBUILDING AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

DEMANDS

The special session of the World Health Assembly will be held from 29 November to 1 December 2021 at World Health Organization headquarters. The agenda includes only one item, "*dedicated to considering the benefits of developing a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic preparedness and response*". From a document called "A GUIDE TO A PANDEMIC TREATY" developed by the Global Health Center, Geneva we concluded that World Health Assembly delegates have a plan to sign so called PANDEMIC TREATY.

We demand a MORATORIUM on consideration of this issue, in view of the fact that the peoples of the countries represented at the World Health Assembly have not been adequately informed and notified of the contents of the documents to be discussed.

The decision to "*develop a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic preparedness and response*" carries long-term and vital implications for the peoples of all participating countries. These consequences would directly affect the lives and health of everyone on the planet. Therefore, such decisions cannot be taken without broad public discussion in each of the participating countries.

Moreover, we express our doubt that the delegations of the countries are empowered by their peoples to make such decisions. In particular, we demand that each of the members of the delegation speaking on behalf of Russia at the World Health Assembly show their authority to LEGALLY represent Russia's interests in the vote on this issue.

We refuse to consider as legitimate any decision taken at the special session of the World Health Assembly on this matter other than the decision on A MORATORIUM.

We hereby inform you that we reserve the right to oppose the signing of this pandemic agreement by any legal means and **DECLINE the OFERTA to accept and ratify it.**