Implementation of General Assembly resolution 74/247, operative paragraph 3

Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

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The present document, prepared by the Secretariat, presents some frequently asked questions from Member States regarding the implementation of General Assembly resolution 74/247, in particular its operative paragraph 3. It complements the frequently asked questions status date 27 May 2020 and status date 4 June 2020 already available on the ad hoc committee website.

Determining quorum in the context of Rule 108 of the Rules of Procedure

1. In relation to Rule 108 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, on what basis is the quorum will be calculated: the whole membership of the United Nations or only those Member States which have been registered to participate in the meeting?

The reference to the “majority of the members” is understood to be the majority of the members of the Committee. In the case of the Ad Hoc Committee, since it is a body open to all Member States (as opposed to a limited membership body), a majority of Member States will need to be present for any decision to be taken (i.e. 97 Member States).