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## TO SECRETARIES OF DELEGATION FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ALL MEMBERS

## **Re: Postponement of the Spring Session in Kyiv**

Dear members,

We hope this finds you well and healthy.

All our countries are going through particularly challenging times, and these are naturally impacting the normal course of our Assembly's business. As you may know, activities originally planned for the months of March and April have been cancelled or postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

It is very difficult to predict when the pandemic will end or even when confinement measures and travel restrictions adopted by many of our countries will be lifted. In light of this uncertainty, we and the Ukrainian delegation feel that it is best to postpone the NATO PA Spring Session which was due to take place in Kyiv, Ukraine on 22-25 May.

We are currently discussing several options for alternative arrangements, and we hope to be able to get back to you with more information in the coming weeks. Our aim and hope is to ensure that the Assembly's Committees and the Assembly as a whole can meet in the coming months, either virtually or in person, and that the Assembly's delegations can continue to exchange with each other on the broad range of challenges currently facing our nations – first among which the coronavirus crisis – as well as on NATO's contribution to addressing these. Rest assured that we are fully mobilised towards this objective.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by the postponement of the Spring Session and thank you for your understanding.

Please do not hesitate to contact Ruxandra for any questions about alternative arrangements or the NATO PA's conference service (Helen Cadwallender, Claire Gates and Salima Chebrek) should you have any questions about the practical arrangements of this postponement. Delegations should cancel their hotel reservations directly with the hotel.

Best wishes, and stay healthy,

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