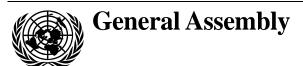
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I have the honour to inform you that, in line with the rotation scheme in the Group of Western European and Other States for membership of the Economic and Social Council, Australia would like to relinquish its seat for the remaining term in favour of New Zealand.

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Robert Hill Ambassador Permanent Representative

