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Letter dated 30 September 2019 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to address you with regard to the untenable situation of the non-issuance by the United States of entry visas to a number of delegates of the Russian Federation to the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly, as well as the Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, in violation of its obligations as the host country.

Owing to this fact, a number of delegates, including members of the parliament of the Russian Federation, were unable to participate in the general debate, as well as the said conference. Thus, the effective participation of the Russian Federation in the work of a principal organ of the Organization and the Conference has been disrupted.

The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation, by note verbale, has requested the urgent issuance of visas for the delegates of the Russian Federation so that they can participate in the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly, including its Main Committees, which start their deliberations in the first days of October.

We would highly appreciate your urgent intercession in this situation to ensure the compliance by the United States with its host country obligations, in particular those stipulated in sections 12 and 13 of the United Nations Headquarters Agreement, if necessary in accordance with section 21 (a) of the Agreement.

We should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 165.

(Signed) V. Nebenzia

