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Strengthening of the United Nations system

Letter dated 16 May 2022 from the President of the General Assembly to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to draw your attention to the text of resolution [76/262](#), adopted without a vote by the General Assembly at the 69th plenary meeting of its seventy-sixth session, held on 26 April 2022.

Resolution [76/262](#) reads as follows:

Standing mandate for a General Assembly debate when a veto is cast in the Security Council

The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its authority under Article 10 of the Charter,

Recalling also Article 12 of the Charter,

Recalling further Article 24 (1) of the Charter, which provides that, in order to ensure prompt and effective action by the United Nations, its Members have conferred on the Security Council primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, and agreed that in carrying out its duties under this responsibility the Security Council acts on their behalf,

Recalling Article 27 of the Charter on voting in the Security Council,

Recalling also the provisions of the Charter relating to the powers and functions of the General Assembly in matters pertaining to the maintenance of international peace and security,

Recalling further that the International Court of Justice has observed the competence of the General Assembly on questions relating to the maintenance of international peace and security,

Bearing in mind its decision 62/557 of 15 September 2008, and noting that the present resolution and its provisions are without prejudice to the intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform,

* Reissued for technical reasons on 26 May 2022.



1. *Decides* that the President of the General Assembly shall convene a formal meeting of the General Assembly within 10 working days of the casting of a veto by one or more permanent members of the Security Council, to hold a debate on the situation as to which the veto was cast, provided that the Assembly does not meet in an emergency special session on the same situation;
2. *Also decides*, on an exceptional basis, to accord precedence in the list of speakers to the permanent member or permanent members of the Security Council having cast a veto;
3. *Invites* the Security Council, in accordance with Article 24 (3) of the Charter of the United Nations, to submit a special report on the use of the veto in question to the General Assembly at least 72 hours before the relevant discussion in the Assembly;
4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-seventh session an item entitled “Use of the veto”, and that the item should remain on the agenda of the Assembly for consideration in accordance with paragraph 1 of the present resolution;
5. *Also decides* that, should a veto be cast by one or more permanent members of the Security Council during the remainder of the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly, the President of the General Assembly shall convene a formal meeting of the Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 1 of the present resolution, under the agenda item entitled “Strengthening of the United Nations system”.

(Signed) Abdulla **Shahid**
President of the General Assembly
