

## **Open House Discussion on United Nations Security Council Reform**

### ***“Thinking outside the Horseshoe”***

**Tuesday, 2 May 2023, 4 – 6 p.m.**

Followed by a reception

Venue: Permanent Mission of the State of Kuwait, 321 E 44th St, New York, NY 10017

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On Tuesday, 2 May 2023, the Permanent Missions of Austria and Kuwait will host an **Open House Discussion on Security Council Reform** with the aim to support the ongoing inter-governmental negotiations seeking to ensure that a future Security Council reflects the realities of today's world, represents the world's diverse States and Peoples in an equitable manner and is capable of effectively addressing all peace and security challenges according to its mandate in the UN Charter.

Against the backdrop of a growing sense of urgency to reform the Council, this event aims to provide a platform for an informal interactive discussion among representatives from think tanks, academia, civil society, and Member States to generate innovative ideas, identify new approaches to bridge the gaps between positions, and thereby help move the intergovernmental reform process forward. The Chatham House Rule will apply (no reporting with attribution). An informal reception will follow the event.

#### Tentative Programme

**4 p.m.                                      Opening remarks by Amb. Tareq ALBANAI and Amb. Axel MARSCHIK**

**4.15 – 5.00 p.m.                      Contributions from think tanks, academia and civil society**

Kick-off presentations (5 min) by:

Mr. Zeid Ra'ad AL-HUSSEIN, International Peace Institute

Ms. Karin LANDGREN, Security Council Report

Ms. Loraine SIEVERS, Security Council Procedure

Ms. Sofia BORGES, UN Foundation (tbc)

Mr. Richard GOWAN, International Crisis Group

Further comments from invited participants (tbc)

**5.00 – 6.00 p.m.                      Interactive Q&A session**

**6.00 p.m.                                Dinner reception**

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<sup>1</sup> Permanent Missions are kindly requested to limit their participation to PR or DPR level + 1 expert.