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### **Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council**

#### **Identical letters dated 14 June 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly**

I have the honour to write to you on behalf of the Group of Four – Germany, India, Japan and my own country, Brazil – in reference to the letter dated 11 June 2021 from the President of the General Assembly, by which he submitted to Member States a draft oral decision under agenda item 127, “Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council”.

In this regard, while thankful for the efforts of the President of the General Assembly, we are obliged to note that the draft oral decision in question does not address some legitimate concerns in relation to the intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform. The draft, as it stands, does not adequately reflect the progress achieved during the five rounds of the intergovernmental negotiations held this year under the leadership of the Co-Chairs, Joanna Wronecka, Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations, and Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations.

In the light of this, and in accordance with the provisions of rule 78 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, we request hereby that the following proposed amendments to the draft oral decision circulated on 11 June 2021 be tabled, in the terms indicated below, while further requesting your good offices, respectfully, for promptly bringing this to the attention of all Member States for their due information and kind consideration:

- Insert, at the end of paragraph 1, the words “and the commitment of Heads of State and Government representing the peoples of the world to instil new life in the discussion of the reform of the Security Council”. We believe that the oral decision cannot ignore the solemn commitment adopted by Heads of State and Government in the declaration on the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations (resolution [75/1](#)).
- In paragraph 2, in the ninth line, replace the word “and” with the words “based on”; in the twelfth line, replace the words “as well as” with the words “and



informed by”; and in the fourteenth and last line, delete the words “to help to inform its future work”. We believe that the progress achieved during this session will only be recognized if the intergovernmental negotiations are based, during the seventy-sixth session, on the Co-Chairs’ Elements Paper on Convergences and Divergences, and are informed by the so-called “Framework Document” circulated on 31 July 2015. This amendment is inspired by the letter dated 12 May 2021 from the Co-Chairs, in which they underlined: “We are therefore recommending that at this stage our work be rolled over to the 76th session of the General Assembly **based on** the ‘Co-Chairs’ Elements Paper on Convergences and Divergences on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters’”. [text bolded by Group of Four].

For ease of reference, both proposals are reflected in track changes in the document attached to the present letter (see annex).

We appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 127.

(Signed) **Ronaldo Costa Filho**

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations

**Annex to the identical letters dated 14 June 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly**

**Draft oral decision on Security Council reform**

May I take that the General Assembly,

1. Decides to reaffirm the central role of the General Assembly concerning the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council, **and the commitment of Heads of State and Government representing the peoples of the world to instil new life in the discussion on the reform of the Security Council;**
2. Decides to immediately continue intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform in informal plenary of the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session, as mandated by Assembly decisions 62/557 of 15 September 2008, 63/565 B of 14 September 2009, 64/568 of 13 September 2010, 65/554 of 12 September 2011, 66/566 of 13 September 2012, 67/561 of 29 August 2013, 68/557 of 8 September 2014, 69/560 of 14 September 2015, 70/559 of 27 July 2016, 71/553 of 19 July 2017, 72/557 of 29 June 2018, 73/554 of 25 June 2019 and 74/569 of 31 August 2020, building on the informal meetings held during its seventy-fifth session, as reflected in the letter dated 12 May 2021 from the Co-Chairs, **and based on** the document entitled “Co-Chairs’ Elements Paper on Convergences and Divergences on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters”, circulated on 29 April 2021, ~~as well as~~ **and informed by** the positions of and proposals made by Member States, reflected in the text and its annex circulated on 31 July 2015 ~~to help to inform its future work;~~
3. Welcomes the active engagement, initiatives and intensive efforts of the President of the General Assembly, and notes with appreciation the active role and concrete efforts of the Co-Chairs undertaken in a consultative manner with a view to an early comprehensive reform of the Security Council;
4. Decides to convene the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council during the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly, if Member States so decide;
5. Also decides to include in the agenda of the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly the item entitled “Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council”.