



PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

22 June 2023

Excellency,

On 5 June 2023, I transmitted a letter dated 2 June 2023 from H.E. Mr. Tareq M. A. M. Albanai, Permanent Representative of the State of Kuwait and H.E. Mr. Alexander Marschik, Permanent Representative of Austria, Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) on the Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and matters related to the Security Council, in which the Co-Chairs recommend that the work of the IGN be rolled over to the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly.

I sincerely commend the Co-Chairs, Ambassador Albanai and Ambassador Marschik, for their steadfast commitment to lead the IGN process during the seventy-seventh session with diligence, determination and an innovative approach. I would also like to convey my gratitude to all delegations for their active and constructive engagement throughout this session. These joint efforts made possible agreement on a number of small steps toward increased transparency and inclusivity of this process.

I hope that the good experiences of the IGN this session will be carried forward to the seventy-eighth session. In this spirit, I urge Member States to continue to support the innovative practices that have been implemented during this session to help build further confidence in the process.

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New York

Following informal consultations with Member States and groups of States, I have the honour to enclose herewith a draft oral decision that I intend to present for adoption at the plenary meeting of the General Assembly on Thursday, 29 June 2023 at 3.00 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall under agenda item 125 'Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council'.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Draft oral decision on Security Council Reform

May I take that the General Assembly,

- a) 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 discussions on the reform of the Security Council;
- b) Decides to immediately continue intergovernmental negotiations (IGN) on Security Council reform in informal plenary of the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth 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, 74/569 of 31 August 2020, 75/569 of June 2021 and 76/572 of 12 July 2022, building on the informal meetings held during its seventy-seventh session, as reflected in the letter dated 2 June 2023 from the Co-Chairs, and on the document entitled 'Revised 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 5 June 2023, as well as 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;
- c) 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;
- d) Welcomes the agreement among Member States to enhance transparency and inclusivity of the process by introducing webcast for the first segment (debate) of the IGN meetings while the second segment (interactive discussion) remains closed, as well as the establishment of a specific website to act as a repository of the recordings of the webcasts, letters, decisions, and other related documents related to the IGN process as well as links to the Member States' statements, as referred in the Co-Chairs' letter dated 3 March 2023;
- e) 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-eighth session of the General Assembly, if Member States so decide;
- f) Also decides to include in the agenda of the seventy-eighth 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".