



Permanent Mission of the
State of Kuwait to the United Nations
New York

 Permanent Mission
of Austria to the
United Nations in New York

5 April 2023

Excellencies,

We have the honor to address you in our capacity as **Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations** on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other related matters to the Security Council (**IGN**) during the 77th session of the General Assembly in order to provide further details on the upcoming informal-informal exchanges ('un-formal conversations'), to complement the ongoing IGN meetings.

As announced previously, the second set of 'un-formal conversations' (the third and fourth conversations) will take place on **11 and 12 April 2023, from 13:30 – 15:00** at the **Permanent Mission of Kuwait, 321 E 44th St, New York, NY 10017**.

The Co-Chairs have the honour to extend the invitation to these un-formal conversations at the **Ambassadorial / Chargé d'affaires / Deputy Permanent Representative level in a 1+0 format**. The conversations will be held under **Chatham House Rules** and translation services will not be available. We kindly ask delegations to engage in an active manner **without prepared statements**. The discussions are intended to be as open, inclusive and unscripted as possible, so colleagues should feel encouraged to participate and address any issue they deem relevant. In order to guide, but not limit, our discussions, we nevertheless propose the following broad themes for the discussions:

▪ **Un-formal conversation III –**

11 April 2023 (13:30 – 15:00): An unvarnished discussion on the veto

Taking into account the provisions of the Charter and the diverse positions of Member States/Groups/P5 with regards to extending or not extending the veto to possible new permanent members,

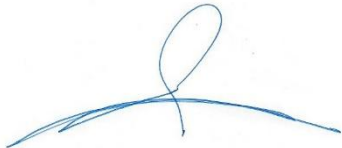
- Should the IGN examine whether the veto could be abolished altogether, i.e. for the (existing) permanent members, in particular in view of Article 108?

- In case of an enlargement of the category of permanent members with the right to veto, should the IGN examine ideas to limiting the use of the veto and if so which limitations are the most likely to be amenable to the “widest possible political acceptance”?
- **Un-formal conversation IV –**
12 April 2023 (13:30 – 15:00): Harvesting low-hanging fruit
 - What “low-hanging fruits” are out there that can be reached within the IGN to move the process forward? These could include issues within any of the 5 clusters that Member States or Groups think are attainable and within reach.
 - As regards working methods, what would be the most appropriate way for the Co-Chairs to support such reforms?

We kindly ask that you RSVP by email to **f.hajji@mofa.gov.kw** and **raphael.ruppacher@bmeia.gv.at** no later than **Monday, 10 April 2023, 3:00 p.m.**

The topics to be discussed in the un-formal conversations in May 2023 will be communicated closer to the dates.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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To: All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations, New York