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State of Kuwait to the United Nations  
New York

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of Austria to the  
United Nations in New York

1 August 2023

Excellency,

We have the honour 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 77<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly.

Kindly find attached a copy of a letter dated 28 July 2023 received by the Co-Chairs from the Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the United Nations. Upon the request of the Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein, the attached letter and its document will be **posted on the IGN website** which acts as a repository of the IGN process.

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

**Tareq Albanai**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of the  
State of Kuwait to the United Nations

**Alexander Marschik**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of the  
Republic of Austria to the United Nations

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



PERMANENT MISSION  
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To:

H.E. Tareq Albanai  
Permanent Representative of the State of Kuwait  
to the United Nations

H.E. Alexander Marschik  
Permanent Representative of the State of Austria  
to the United Nations

New York, 28 July 2023

**Elements for a General Assembly resolution on the enlargement of the Security Council– “intermediate model”**

Excellency,

I have the honor to address you in your 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) of the 77<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

I write to you to attach Liechtenstein’s “intermediate model” on enlargement of the Security Council, which was drafted and circulated in 2010. The model is intended to bridge positions amongst the membership, by creating a new category of longer-term seats, with the possibility of immediate re-election. No new vetoes would be created; instead, the veto would be addressed in a mandatory review process within a defined timeframe after the Council reform has taken effect. The model also contains an Annex outlining a possible amendment to the UN Charter for its implementation.

I kindly request that the model attached be included in the electronic repository created for the IGN for the consideration of its membership.

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

Sincerely,

Christian Wenaweser  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the United Nations

**Elements for a General Assembly resolution  
on the enlargement of the Security Council  
– intermediate model**

*The General Assembly,*

*[preamble]*

*Decides to expand the membership of the Security Council as follows:*

**Part I: Enlargement of the Security Council**

**Size**

1. The membership of the Security Council shall be increased from fifteen to [xx<sup>1</sup>].

**Membership**

2. The following six additional members shall be elected to serve on a permanent basis for renewable terms of [8 / 10]<sup>2</sup> years:

- I. two from African States
- II. two from Asian States
- III. one from Latin American and Caribbean States
- IV. one from Western European and Other States

3. A member from the Eastern European Group shall be elected to serve on a non-permanent basis for a non-renewable term of 2 years. *[insert provision on additional non-permanent members]*

**Elections of the new members**

4. Elections to fill the seats created pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 3 above shall be held after the entry into force of the amendments annexed to the present resolution and simultaneously with the regular elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council. The elections shall be held in accordance with the relevant rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

5. Candidates for seats created pursuant to paragraph 2 above shall not be eligible to serve as non-permanent members in accordance with article 23, paragraph 2, of the UN Charter for the following [8 / 10] calendar years.

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<sup>1</sup> The question of creation of new non-permanent seats in the sense of article 23.2 of the UN charter is not comprehensively addressed in these elements, cf. OP 3, which serves as a placeholder for the scenario where additional two-year seats are created.

<sup>2</sup> The numbers in square brackets are meant to reflect a middleground and would be subject to negotiation.

6. The expanded Council shall take up its work on 1 January of the calendar year following the elections held in accordance with paragraph 4 above.

### **Charter amendments**

7. The Charter amendments necessary for the implementation of the present resolution are contained in the Annex to the present resolution and adopted simultaneously.

### **Ratification**

8. Member States are called upon to ratify the amendments contained in the Annex to the present resolution, in accordance with their respective constitutional processes, by ... 2010.

### **Review**

9. [16 / 20] years after the first elections held in accordance with paragraph 4 above, the General Assembly shall review the situation created by the entry into force of the Charter amendments contained in the Annex to the present resolution. The review shall include consideration of the categories of seats, the creation of additional seats of any category, including permanent seats, a review of the question of the veto as well as the implementation of the measures to improve the working methods of the Council contained in ...<sup>3</sup>

## **[Part II: Working Methods of the Security Council]**

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### **Annex: Amendments to the United Nations Charter**

Article 23, paragraph 1: The Security Council shall consist of [xx] members of the United Nations. China, France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America shall be permanent members of the Security Council. The General Assembly shall elect [yy] other Members of the United Nations to be **members of** the Security Council, due regard being specially paid, in the first instance, to the contribution of Members of the United Nations to the maintenance of international peace and security and to the other purposes of the Organization, as well as equitable geographical distribution. **Six elected members shall serve on a permanent basis for terms of [8/10] years and be eligible for immediate re-election.**

*[add consequential Charter amendments to articles 27 (2), 27 (3), 109 (1) and (3) updating the respective numbers of affirmative votes required]*

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<sup>3</sup> It is understood that the General Assembly will simultaneously decide on a set of measures dealing with the working methods of the Council. This can either be done in a separate part of the resolution or in a stand-alone resolution that is adopted at the same time as the resolution dealing with the enlargement of the Council.