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Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, a letter from H.E. Ms. Joanna Wronecka, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations, and H.E. Ms. Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar, 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, regarding the first informal meeting of the IGN, scheduled for 25-26 January 2021.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration



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We wish to refer to a letter dated 30 October 2020 by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Volkan Bozkir, in which he informed Member States of his decision to appoint us as Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform. We would like to express our appreciation to the President of the General Assembly as well as to the membership for the trust and confidence to facilitate this important process.

In our capacity as the Co-Chairs, we would like to inform you that upon assuming our responsibilities as the Co-Chairs of this important task we have conducted a number of in person and virtual informal meetings with interested Members States and Groups of States. In this, it gives us great pleasure to inform you that we are ready to convene the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on 25–26 January 2021 in the General Assembly Hall and that we intend to hold it in person, fully in line with the COVID-19 mitigation measures regarding the limitations on the presence of delegates in the GA Hall at a given time.

In the oral decision 74/569 of 31 August 2020 Member States decided to continue the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform by “building on the informal meetings held during the seventy-fourth session, as reflected in the letter dated 29 July 2020 from the Co-Chairs, and on the revised elements of commonality and issues for further consideration, circulated on 7 June 2019, as well as the positions of and proposals made by Member States, reflected in the text and its annex circulated on 31 July 2015.” Furthermore, in the *Declaration on the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations* our Heads of State and Government, reiterated a call for reforms of three principal organs of the United Nations and committed to instill new life in the discussions on the reform of the Security Council.

Recognizing that there is a general agreement among the UN membership on the need for and importance of the Security Council reform and in order to ensure the continuity of our work, building on the progress achieved so far, as well as the two documents rolled over by the oral decision referred to above, and in line with General Assembly decision 62/557, the Co-Chairs invite the membership during our upcoming first meeting to reflect and share their views on how they see the IGN process and how a renewed momentum can be given to the IGN process in light of the adoption the UN75 Political Declaration, including with regard to its current format and procedural matters.

In addition to discussing the issues of process, we also propose to start our deliberations on substance during the upcoming first meeting. Therefore, we invite delegations to clarify their positions on the cluster of “Regional Representation”, especially as to how they relate to proposals

made by other Member States and Groups of States, as well to the other clusters in view of the inherent interlinkages. We encourage delegations to focus in their interventions particularly on, but not limited to, the following aspects: i/ questions pertaining to cross-regional representation in an enlarged Security Council, especially for small states, Small Island Developing States and Arab States; ii/ African representation in a reformed SC in line with the Common African Position as reflected in the Ezulwini Consensus; iii/ further clarification on the concepts of “equitable geographical distribution” and “regional representation”. Based on the above guidance for the first round of meetings, we encourage Member States and Groups of States to use the time ahead of us to prepare for breakthroughs and hopefully an engaging first round of the IGN process for the current session.

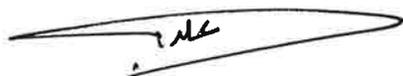
In terms of the format for our discussions during the first session we intend to proceed in line with the practice of previous years – the first part of the session will be dedicated to statements from delegations, based on the formal list of speakers, after which we will facilitate an interactive discussion and exchange of views, where we invite delegations to react to each other’s interventions.

We also wish to note that a timeline of the upcoming meetings with dates will be shared with delegations following the first session.

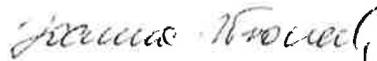
We look forward to the active participation and constructive engagement of all delegations both in the forthcoming meeting and during the entire session of the intergovernmental negotiations.

We also wish to reaffirm our availability for consultations throughout the process ahead of us in order to ensure its transparency, inclusivity and member-driven nature.

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



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