



PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

I wish to refer to General Assembly decision 75/569 of 22 June 2021, by which the General Assembly reaffirmed its central role 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 instill new life in the discussions on the reform of the Security Council.

Member States will recall in this regard that the General Assembly decided to, *inter alia*, “immediately continue intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform in informal plenary of the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session, as mandated by General Assembly decisions (from 2008 to 2020. See Appendix).”

In my Vision Statement for a ‘Presidency of Hope’, I underscored that a stronger United Nations is necessary to build a resilient world. Efforts to make our Organization efficient, effective and accountable must continue, including together with efforts to reform the Security Council, as envisaged in the Declaration on the Commemoration of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the United Nations. I have held informal consultations with Member States and believe that an early resumption of the intergovernmental negotiation process is necessary. I encourage Member States to continue moving this process forward pursuant to the aforementioned decision 75/569.

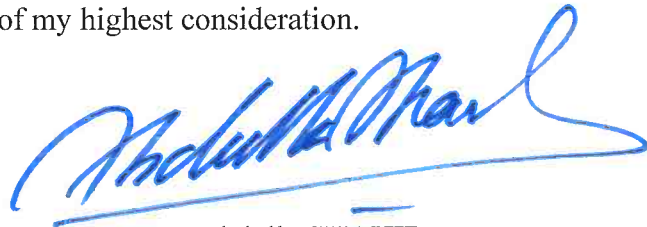
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In this regard, I have the honour to inform you that I have appointed H.E. Ambassador Ms. Alya Ahmed Saif al-Thani, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations and H.E. Ambassador Mr. Martin Bille Hermann, Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations, as Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations during the 76th Session.

I am hopeful that the appointment of co-chairs would provide an opportunity for Member States to start early consultations on matters related to Security Council reform in a timely manner. In this context, I would like to encourage delegations to explore the possibility for the Intergovernmental Negotiation to commence early in 2022 and to increase the number of meetings to provide ample time for enhancing dialogue among the Member States.

I would like to thank H.E. Ambassador Ms. Alya Ahmed Saif al-Thani and H.E. Ambassador Mr. Martin Bille Hermann for having accepted this very important responsibility. I trust that you will extend your full support and cooperation to them throughout the negotiation process. In line with the decision 75/569, I also look forward to closely engaging with the Co-Chairs and with all Member States on the reform process.

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



Abdulla SHAHID

Appendix

GA Session	Decision No.	Chair/ Co-chairs of IGN
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67 th	67/561	Afghanistan
68 th	68/557	Afghanistan
69 th	69/560	Jamaica
70 th	70/559	Luxembourg
71 st	71/553	Romania and Tunisia
72 nd	72/557	Georgia and UAE
73 rd	73/554	Luxembourg and UAE
74 th	74/569	Poland and UAE
75 th	75/569	Poland and Qatar