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Excellency,
Mr. President,

I have the honour to address you in my capacity as **Chair 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 79th session of the General Assembly.

At the outset, let me express my gratitude for entrusting me and H.E. Mr. Alexander Marschik, the former Permanent Representative of Austria to the UN, with the role of Co-Chairs of the IGN during the 79th session of the UN General Assembly and for the support you have provided throughout this process.

I would also like to assure you of my heartfelt appreciation for the support extended to me and my former Co-Chair by Member States during this session's IGN process. Throughout the 79th General Assembly, there has been interest in the IGN process, with Member States participating actively at all levels. Nearly 100 Member States, including those on behalf of Groups of States, delivered statements across six IGN meetings and two "unformal" (Taxel Talks) meetings held between November 2024 and June 2025. This session has been marked by a growing recognition of the need for honest and constructive efforts to build bridges and foster convergences. Moving forward, a sustained commitment to bridging differences will be essential to advance the process meaningfully.

Progress achieved this session

The **Pact for the Future** has brought renewed momentum to the IGN process. Adopted during the 79th session of the General Assembly, this outcome document underscores a strong commitment to reinvigorating multilateralism and enhancing the effectiveness of the United Nations. Notably, Chapter 5 of the Pact, focused on transforming global governance, outlines three specific actions related to Security Council reform. It reaffirms the Member States-driven nature of the reform of the Security Council through the Intergovernmental

Negotiations in accordance with General Assembly decision 62/557. For the first time since the 1960s, Member States have agreed to clear parameters for reform—marking a significant breakthrough and opening a new and promising chapter in the IGN process.

This year, we continued the **structured dialogue on models proposed by States and Groups** submitted to the Co-Chairs and documented on the repository website. This session saw the submission and discussion of two models, and we encourage Member States that have not yet submitted models to do so. We also encourage those that have already submitted to continue revising their models.

By leading in-depth discussions on these individual models, we enabled a better understanding of the different concepts, their impacts, and consequences. This approach proved to be highly beneficial, as it assists States in converging around a conceptual approach that could garner the widest possible political acceptance for the reform of the Security Council. Additionally, this structured dialogue allows Member States to merge elements from other models into their own proposals, fostering a more collaborative and integrative process. Member States and Groups of States that submitted specific models had the opportunity to reassess and possibly adjust their proposals based on the reactions and comments of others. The model discussions received positive feedback from Member States, who found it to be a useful and constructive process. Particularly, we would like to extend our gratitude to Liechtenstein for revising their model and CARICOM for their submission. These submissions allow us to have valuable discussions that will bring us closer to Security Council reform.

As part of the efforts to foster deeper engagement and gather comprehensive perspectives on the reform of the UN Security Council, the **Chair undertook visits to four capitals during the 79th session of the General Assembly** upon the invitation of States and Groups of States. The Chair met with governments at the political and senior officials level to discuss their positions, as well as, in most instances, with local think tanks. These visits allowed for in-depth, face-to-face dialogues that were instrumental in understanding the perspectives of various Member States. The discussions held during these visits provided valuable insights that facilitated a more substantive approach to the negotiations and reflected the robust engagement at the national level. This level of engagement underscores the commitment of Member States to the reform process and highlights the importance of direct communication in building consensus and advancing the objectives of the IGN.

Additionally, we continued to employ **innovative approaches** to instill energy into the IGN process, in full conformity with General Assembly Decision 62/557, like the webcasting of IGN sessions, which has enhanced the efficiency, transparency, and inclusiveness of our working methods. The IGN website was regularly updated with letters, related documents, and presented models, these recorded documents serving as a tool for better understanding various positions. On April 17, 2025, we convened an **Open-House discussion on Security Council reform** with representatives from think tanks, academia, civil society, and Member States. This event aimed to support the IGN process by providing a platform for informal, interactive discussions to generate innovative ideas, identify new approaches to bridge gaps between positions, and help advance the reform process.

Revised Co-Chairs Elements Paper

The Chair circulated to Member States a letter dated 17 June 2025 containing the “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”. At the sixth IGN meeting held on 23 June 2025 Member States and Groups of States had the opportunity to express views and comments on the aforementioned Paper. The Chair expresses his gratitude for the engagement and valuable insights by Member States during the meeting. The Chair highlights that the Paper represents his individual interpretation of the ongoing IGN discussions concerning the five clusters and their interlinkages, along with other issues raised by delegations, including procedural matters and issues pertaining to concerns expressed after the finalization of the Paper. The Chair believes that the Elements Paper for the 79th session will provide a valuable foundation for advancing the IGN process in the 80th session of the General Assembly.

Way Forward

In view of the growing calls to reform the Security Council, the Chair recommends that the work from this session be **rolled over to the 80th session of the General Assembly**. We recognize the significant positive feedback and support from Member States and propose the continuation of the following practices to enhance progress:


Firstly, negotiations aimed at reinforcing and building convergences should continue. To further increase the understanding of positions and foster convergences among IGN participants, **all issues within the five clusters** mentioned in paragraph (e)(ii) of UNGA

Decision 62/557 should be addressed comprehensively. Several Member States underlined the fact that the five clusters were intrinsically interlinked and should be addressed together. As the IGN Meetings during the 79th Session showed, this approach better illuminates the connections among the clusters and enables a more cohesive understanding and agreement among Member States.

Secondly, we recommend the **continuation of the structured dialogue on models** proposed by States and Groups, in line with the Pact of the Future. The structured dialogues on models have proven to be fruitful this year and have enhanced the understanding of each other's positions. These discussions can help States converge around a conceptual approach that enjoys the widest possible acceptance for the reform of the Security Council. Additionally, it allows Member States and Groups that have proposed specific models to reassess and adjust their proposals based on the reactions and comments from others. We encourage Member States and Groups that have not yet done so to submit models for consideration, and invite those who have already presented models to consider updating or refining them in light of ongoing discussions. By continuing this practice, we believe the IGN process will lead to more meaningful progress in the 80th session of the General Assembly in the direction of a consolidated model in a concrete and accelerated way.

In summary, the Chair recommends rolling over the work from this session to the 80th session, continuing negotiations to build convergences, and engaging in structured dialogue on proposed models. Member States are encouraged to maintain a spirit of flexibility and collaboration as we move forward. This approach will help foster a more robust and effective reform process in the next session of the General Assembly.

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



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