



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3 April 2006

Excellency,

In accordance with paragraph 153 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome, I have reported on the “Review of Progress on Security Council Reform” in my letter of 19 December 2005. In that letter, I stated that discussions on Security Council reform should resume in 2006, and I indicated my availability for consultations with Member States which are considering initiatives on Security Council reform as well as with other Member States.

As you may recall, the General Assembly has decided that the work of the *Open Ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council* (OEWG) should be continued and submit a report to the Sixtieth session of the Assembly, building upon the work of previous sessions and with a view to facilitating the process of reaching general agreement (decision 59/566 of 12 September 2005).

In my letter of 20 January 2006, I informed you that Ambassador Paulette Bethel of the Bahamas and Ambassador Frank Majoor of the Netherlands had kindly accepted to serve as Vice-Chairpersons of the Working Group. The Vice-Chairpersons have widely consulted with the Membership on issues related to Security Council reform, as well as on the prospective work of the OEWG.

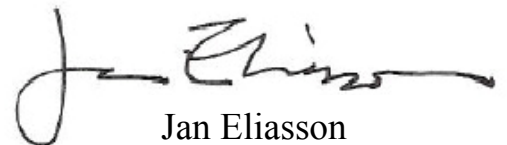
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I plan to convene a meeting of the OEWG on 20 April 2006. At this meeting, I will seek your endorsement for the appointment of the Vice-Chairpersons, and you will be briefed on the consultations they have held over the past few weeks.

Subsequently and in accordance with the mandate of the OEWG, a general exchange of views on all aspects of Security Council reform will take place. More specifically, I would invite you to comment on developments since the general debate in the Plenary of the General Assembly on 10-11 November, 2005 on the Report of the Security Council and the Report of the OEWG.

I hope we could have a constructive and creative exchange of views enhancing our mutual understanding of the process towards reaching general agreement on this essential element of the reform agenda. I would also like to invite you to elaborate, during this discussion, on your views on the work of the OEWG in the weeks and months ahead.

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



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