



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13 October 2009

Excellency,

In pursuance of decision 63/565 of 14 September 2009 of the General Assembly, the Member States will continue intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters in informal plenary of the General Assembly during the 64th Session.

Furthermore, the Assembly decided to convene 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 during the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly if Member States so decide.

In this regard, I have the honour to inform you that I have appointed His Excellency Mr. Zahir Tanin, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, to chair the intergovernmental negotiations on my behalf. I would like to thank Ambassador Tanin for accepting this responsibility and request you to continue to extend your full cooperation and support to the process of Security Council reform.

I believe the Assembly's forthcoming joint debate on the report of the Security Council (Agenda Item 9) and the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters (Agenda item 119) would be a good opportunity for exchange of views between Member States and would provide further impetus for the intergovernmental negotiations.

I have also requested Ambassador Tanin to draw up a work plan for the negotiations, which will be communicated to you shortly.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ali', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ali Abdussalam Treki

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