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*Permanent Mission of the Islamic  
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17 January 2013

Excellency,

I have the honour to write to you in reference of my letter dated 4 December 2012. Within this letter, I offered Member States the opportunity to review their positions contained within revision three of the negotiation text and to send any revisions in their reflected positions.

I am pleased to inform Member States that I received six letters and herewith, I circulate to the entire membership these communications. It is my belief that these documents will help inform the process going forward, and their circulation is essential for maintaining an open, transparent, inclusive, and comprehensive process.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zahir Tanin'.

Zahir Tanin

Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on the equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council

To: All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the  
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New York, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013

Excellency,

We are writing in response to your letter of 4 December 2012 inviting interested groups of delegations to come forward with their suggestions on the way forward in the intergovernmental negotiations.

As you are aware, the L69 Group comprises a diverse group of developing countries from Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific, who are united by a common cause – to achieve, lasting and comprehensive reform of the UN Security Council. The Group is cemented in its firm conviction that expansion in both the permanent and non-permanent categories of membership of the Security Council is needed to better reflect contemporary world realities, and achieve a more accountable, representative and transparent Security Council.

We would like to utilize this opportunity to share with you the perceptions of the L69 Group on the important matter of Security Council reform. To this end and with a view to assist you in having a clear understanding of the L69 Group's positions on the five key issues, we are enclosing the statement delivered by the Spokesperson of the Group at the formal plenary meeting of the UN General Assembly held on 15 November 2012.

Our Group has been active in trying to engage other like-minded delegations and groups with a view to building further convergences and thereby facilitating the IGN process. Notable in this regard is our on-going outreach to the C-10 of the African Group.

We would like to specifically highlight paragraph 153 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome document in which Leaders further resolved to support early reform of the Security Council as an essential element of overall efforts to reform the United Nations in order to make it more broadly representative, efficient and

transparent and thus further enhance its effectiveness and legitimacy and implementation of its decisions.

The L69 Group has endorsed the call for a rotating non-permanent seat for small island developing states in an expanded Security Council.

In so far as the 'question of the veto' is concerned, on numerous occasions our Group has expressed support for African aspirations for permanent membership with the veto. As mentioned in our statement at the formal plenary meeting of the UN General Assembly held on 15 November 2012, the L69 is of the view that new permanent members should have the same prerogatives and privileges as those of the current permanent members, including the veto.

The L69 Group is committed to playing its part in ensuring that this comprehensive reform is not left to future generations. We hope that you will adequately factor in our views and the position of the L69 Group in your future plans for the 9<sup>th</sup> round of intergovernmental negotiations.

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



**Hardeep Singh Puri,  
Ambassador Extraordinary and  
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To:

**H.E. Mr. Zahir Tanin,  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary,  
Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations &  
Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on the equitable  
representation and increase in the membership of the Security Council and  
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Cc: **Office of the President of the General Assembly**

**L.69 Statement by Ambassador Raymond Wolfe, Permanent Representative of Jamaica at the joint debate of the 67<sup>th</sup> session of the UN General Assembly on agenda item 117: “Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters” and agenda item 30: “Report of the Security Council” (15 November 2012)**

Mr. President,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the L69 Group of countries. The L69 Group comprises a diverse group of developing countries from Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific, who are united by a common cause – to achieve, lasting and comprehensive reform of the UN Security Council.

The Group is cemented in its firm conviction that expansion in both the permanent and non-permanent categories of membership of the Security Council is needed to better reflect contemporary world realities, and achieve a more accountable, representative and transparent Security Council.

We were instrumental in starting the intergovernmental negotiations. We remain engaged in these negotiations on the understanding that the UN Charter, the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly as well as relevant GA resolutions requires support from two-thirds majority of the UN membership for any decision in this regard.

At the outset, I would like to place on record the Group’s appreciation for the work of Ambassador Zahir Tanin of Afghanistan during the last GA session. He has been an integral and invaluable part of the intergovernmental negotiations since 2009. We are therefore happy to welcome his re-appointment as Chair of the IGN for this session as well.

Mr. President,

During the eighth round of intergovernmental negotiations held during the previous General Assembly session it was clear that the UN membership desires early reform that comprises expansion in both the existing permanent and non-permanent categories and improvements in the Council’s working methods.

Secondly, the membership acknowledges the positive and constructive role that has been and continues to be played by the L69 Group. Indeed, the fact that ours is the only Group which has increased in membership over the years testifies to the Group’s influential role. In keeping with our tradition of active support for the reform process, we have also put forward a number of proposals for transforming our interactions and deliberations into real negotiations.

Thirdly, our Group has also been able to enhance convergences with other like-minded groups, in particular the African Group.

The L69 and the C10 of the African Group have been collaborating closely for convergence between them that embraces comprehensive reform.

Let me reiterate today that the L69 acknowledges the African common position. We are of one mind in stressing that the reform we envisage is far-reaching and intended to ensure that the

Council's structure and its way of doing business is fundamentally changed to make it reflective of current geopolitical realities.

Mr. President,

On each of the five key issues of Security Council reform there exist clear convergences. To the L69 Group, these convergences are the following.

First, the Security Council must be enlarged in both the permanent and non-permanent categories.

Second, the new permanent members should have the same prerogatives and privileges as those of the current permanent members, including the veto.

Third, additional seats in an expanded Council should include permanent members from Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean region, as well as from the Western European and other States. There should also be additional non-permanent seats from Africa, Asia, Eastern European Group, Latin America and the Caribbean region as well as one non-permanent seat for small island developing states across all regions. Further, regional groups should coordinate to ensure that there is regular representation for small developing states in the non-permanent category.

Fourth, the Council should be expanded to the mid-twenties and it should adapt its working methods so as to increase the involvement of States not members of the Council in its work, as appropriate, enhance its accountability to the membership and increase the transparency of its work.

Fifth, the General Assembly's role as the chief deliberative, policy-making and representative organ of the UN must be respected in both letter and spirit.

It is the considered view of the L69 Group that intergovernmental negotiations should be immediately started with the aim of formalizing the convergences that I have just articulated.

Mr. President,

In closing allow me to recall paragraph 30 of the Millennium Summit Declaration in which World Leaders *inter alia* resolved to intensify efforts to achieve a comprehensive reform of the Security Council in all its aspects.

I would also like to specifically highlight paragraph 153 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome document in which Leaders further resolved to support early reform of the Security Council as an essential element of overall efforts to reform the United Nations in order to make it more broadly representative, efficient and transparent and thus further enhance its effectiveness and legitimacy and implementation of its decisions.

The L69 Group is committed to playing its part in ensuring that this comprehensive reform is not left to future generations.

Thank you.

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Letter for Ambassador Zahir Tanin - cc: Office of the President of the 67th General Assembly

New York, 10 January 2013

Excellency,

We wish you a happy New Year and congratulate you on your reappointment as Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations. We look forward to working closely with you and reform-oriented Member States and have no doubt that you will continue to guide Member States in this 9<sup>th</sup> round of Negotiations in a progress-oriented manner.

We also appreciate your announcement of an early resumption of the Negotiations. In keeping with established practice, the Negotiations should further build on the momentum generated during the 66<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly.

The G4 countries have spared no effort in seeking to achieve tangible progress on Security Council reform. Rather than safeguarding the status quo, we continue to aim at moving the reform process forward. In so doing, we have received strong support from a large, cross-regional group of Member States from small and large, developing and developed countries alike. The strong support for a reform model anchored in an expansion in both categories of membership was yet again registered during the 8<sup>th</sup> round of Negotiations. The membership also expressed frustration with the negligible progress achieved on this important agenda item.

We share the view of the overwhelming majority of Member States that we have to move to real negotiations on comprehensive Security Council reform at the earliest. We have repeatedly placed on record our determination to work toward this goal in close cooperation with Member States and in a spirit of flexibility.

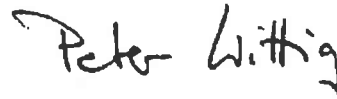


It is in this context that we welcome the recommendations made in your letter of 25 July 2012, which was unanimously acknowledged in General Assembly decision 66/556 of 13 September 2012. In our outreach with other reform-oriented Member States we have seen strong support for your reflections from the 8<sup>th</sup> round of negotiations, which could provide useful guiding principles to finally move from words to action. The drafting of a "concise working document" could prove instrumental in focusing Member State efforts on finding common ground. Reflecting the discussions held during the Negotiations and the essence of your revised negotiation text (Rev. 3), such a document would help Member States to engage in real give-and-take negotiations. We also appreciate the idea of holding a high-level meeting on Security Council reform since it could inject greater political momentum into the reform process. We would, therefore, like to explore this idea with you. We stand ready to actively contribute to the overall reform process, including the working document, during the 9<sup>th</sup> round of Intergovernmental Negotiations.

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



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Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 4 December 2012, drawing the attention of delegations to their positions as they appear in revision three of the negotiation text circulated in your letter of 23 February 2011, and in the spirit of the 8<sup>th</sup> round of negotiations, inviting delegations that wish to amend their position to do so against 11 January 2013.

The Committee of Ten of African Union on UN reforms wishes to refer to letter dated 14 February 2011 as well as our statements made at the intergovernmental negotiations on revision three of the negotiations text, in particular the statement delivered by Sierra Leone as Coordinator of the African Union Committee of Ten on UN reforms on 2 March 2011, and to reiterate its stance against any streamlining of positions or merging language in the text without first achieving agreement on the principles and criteria vis-à-vis the negotiable clusters in the intergovernmental negotiations.

Consequently, in the spirit of the membership driven process and in accordance with decision 62/557, we reaffirm that our position as reflected in the second revision of the negotiations text should remain intact as we continue to engage in the intergovernmental negotiations towards building alliances and consensus as well as narrowing down divergences between us and other interest groups and member states.

We wish to assure your Excellency that we will continue to engage in the intergovernmental negotiations in good faith and with mutual trust, and in the interest of moving the process forward and in accordance with consensus decisions 62/557, 63/565 and 64/568, wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for your commitment to remain impartial to positions yet partial to progress.

Please accept Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Shekou M. Touray  
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*c.c. Office of the President of the General Assembly*

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New York, « 11 » January 2013

Excellency,

With reference to your letter dated 4 December 2012, in which you invited Member States to notify you of any amendments to their respective positions on the Security Council reform as they appear in revision three of the paper reflecting positions and proposals of Member States, I would like to inform you that the Russian position on this issue has not been altered.

Furthermore, I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to reiterate our position, as it was expressed in my letter to you dated 14 February 2011, that the Rev.3 is, as any possible future version of such a paper must continue to be, a compendium listing approaches of Member States to the Security Council reform. It may serve as a useful reference paper facilitating the participation of Member States in the intergovernmental negotiations, but not the basis for the negotiations.

H.E. Mr. Zahir Tanin  
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Russia consistently stands for continuing the meticulous work on bridging Member States' positions in the framework of the intergovernmental negotiations, which must remain exclusively the Member States driven process.

Let me express once again my country's continuous support to you as the Chair of the intergovernmental negotiations and our readiness to cooperate with you to ensure their success.

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



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**U R G E N T**

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**TO:** H.E. Ambassador Zahir Tanin  
Chairman of the intergovernmental negotiations  
On Security Council reform  
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**c.c.:** H.E. Mr. Vuk Jeremic  
President of the Sixty-seventh General Assembly  
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New York, January 11, 2013

*Excellency,*

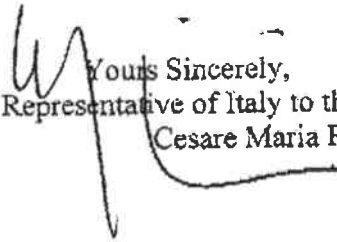
on behalf of UfC I thank you for your letter dated December 4, 2012.

UfC is convinced of the urgent need to achieve a comprehensive reform of the Security Council in order to make it more representative of the current UN membership and increase its accountability, transparency and effectiveness. However, as the intergovernmental negotiations process has shown, the reform of the Security Council is one of the most sensitive and divisive topics at the UN, since it touches on the strategic interests of all 193 Member States. We are also convinced that transparency and predictability are needed to build confidence among Member States. For these reasons, we believe that the role of the Chair and the PGA are crucial in maintaining a level playing field among Member States. Through consultations or informal meetings, they should encourage the political will to start real negotiations.

Furthermore, UfC continues to consider that an elected Security Council and a reform based on GA decision 62/557 (i.e. encompassing all five issues in a comprehensive way on the basis of positions and proposals by Members States) are the best ways to make the Council more accountable and representative. The privileges of permanent membership are simply anachronistic and the creation of new permanent members would only perpetuate the defects that make reform necessary today. Along these lines, we are ready to engage in a new round of negotiations and show a further degree of flexibility on the basis of reciprocity with other Groups or Member States in the genuine search of a true compromise solution.

Finally, with reference to your letter and in particular to Rev 3 of the document, I wish to remind that UfC - through its letters of February 14 and September 6, 2011 (attached) - engaged in a constructive way by highlighting some concerns and requests of clarifications. Some issues had been resolved, others need to be addressed yet. For this reason, we note that only rev 2 reflects all positions and proposals as put forward by Members States up to this stage.

On these premises, Mr. Chair, you can count on our commitment to the process during the current session of the General Assembly.

  
Yours Sincerely,  
The Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations  
Cesare Maria Ragalini

H.E. Ambassador Zahir Tanin  
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H.E. Vuk Jeremic  
President of the 67<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

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Excellency,

On behalf of UFC, I thank you for your letter dated August 18 and have the following appreciations to make:

On rev 3 - the first point of your communication - let me start by reminding you that UFC engaged in a constructive way on your proposal. Our letter dated February 14, 2011 highlighted some concerns and requested some clarifications. Some issues have been resolved, others need to be addressed yet. Underlining once again that ownership of the Member States remains the paramount guideline for any advancement in the reform process, we note that only rev 2 reflects all positions and proposals as put forward by Member States up to this stage.

On the second point of your letter, regarding the initiatives taken by Members States during the current session, I would like to recall the ones promoted by Italy, Mexico and their UFC partners: the Ministerial level conference on Global Governance and Security Council Reform held in Rome on May 16 and the Vice Ministerial level meeting on Identifying a Compromise Solution on Security Council Reform held in Mexico City on July 18.

Whereas the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) - and your ability to chair them - were *de facto* put on hold as a result of a divisive initiative taken by some Member States, spirit of dialogue and compromise, transparency and inclusiveness were at the basis of the meetings in Rome and Mexico.

As a consequence, the Rome conference was attended by 123 delegations (list attached), all groups, the PGA as well as yourself. The meeting in Mexico included 27 delegations, representative of the main regional groups and informal groupings within the SC reform process, as well as the PGA and representatives of the incoming Presidency of the General Assembly.

On both occasions, a large number of Member States sent a clear signal on the parameters to achieve a much needed reform of the Security Council: the reform must be consensual and comprehensive to be effective, to serve the goal of strengthening the United Nations and to reflect the core UN values of inclusiveness, democracy, flexibility and accountability.

H.E. Ambassador Zahir Tanin  
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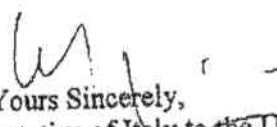


The outcome and principles that emerged in the Rome conference are summarized in the oral conclusions (attached) pronounced by the Italian Foreign Minister, H.E. Franco Frattini, which I request to be circulated to the membership through the Chair. The same spirit and eagerness for compromise inspired the meeting in Mexico, with the aim of achieving a much needed compromise solution that could garner the widest possible political acceptance. Both meetings were held with the objective of supporting the Intergovernmental Negotiations and they actually called for a prompt resumption of them, which unfortunately did not happen.

Mr. Chairman, UFC will continue to exert constructive efforts to push forward a reform that makes the Council more accountable and democratic. As proved by this session, divisive initiatives based on a piecemeal approach stall the process and jeopardize the goal of an early and comprehensive reform of the Security Council. Finally, such initiatives are detrimental to the role of the Chair.

Henceforth we call upon Member States to bridge differences within the intergovernmental negotiations framework in compliance with resolution 62/557 which was adopted by consensus as the basis of the process.

On these premises, you can count on our commitment to the process during the upcoming 66<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly.



Yours Sincerely,

The Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations  
Cesare Maria Ragalini



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*Excellency,*

On behalf of UFC, I thank you for your letter of January 31 transmitting a third revision of the text and its index.

We appreciate your efforts and, by taking note of this third version of the working document, we want to underline - once again - some of the key principles of the negotiating process. First, ownership of the Member States remains the paramount guideline for any advancement in the reform process. This means that any modification, regrouping or merging of positions must always be membership driven. Second, interlinkages among the five key issues must be always taken into account in compliance with decision 62/557. Third, while all positions are equal and have to be treated accordingly until everything is agreed, meaningful progress can be achieved by agreeing on principles underlying each position. In the meantime, no position or proposal should be eliminated or merged without the consent of Member States.

Bearing these considerations in mind, we note that you circulated your proposals in draft.

In this context, UFC would like to point out several shortcomings that need to be addressed to preserve the text's ability to serve as a reference for participation of Member States in the intergovernmental negotiations.

1. We took note of the order in which you regrouped the various positions of Member States. In most cases, you started by locating positions referring to "general statements" (where present) at the beginning of each cluster. You then proceeded by listing more specific positions. As a consequence, the "Regional Representation" cluster of the document starts with bullet 3.1 ("General Statements"); "Size" starts with bullet 4.1.1 ("General Statements"); "Working Methods" starts with bullet 4.2.1 ("General Statements").

Yet, in the "Categories" part of the document, "General Statements" are confined in the last bullet (1.6). We think this is not coherent with the logic applied to the rest of the document and ask for detailed clarifications.

H.E. Ambassador Zahir Tanin  
Chairman of the intergovernmental negotiations  
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H.E. Joseph Deiss  
President of the 65th session of the General Assembly

2. Again on categories, we cannot understand the rationale in the "review clause" partition criteria. Whereas in para 1.4 (*enlargement on intermediary/intermediate/interim/longer term/third category*) the positions foreseeing a review clause are separated in a different paragraph, segment 1.1 (*enlargement in both current categories ... with all the prerogatives...*) does not reflect the same. For example, L69 position (with provision of review) is not located in a separate para; para 1.1.1 (G4 position) refers to review only with regard to veto, whereas the review clause is foreseen also in relation to all "situation created by the amendments" such as for para 1.1.2 (Slovenia). In our view, the logic applied to para 1.4 (*intermediate approach*) should be applied also here, by separating L69 and G4 proposals (they both ask for enlargement in two categories; they both ask for review clause) in a new para (as it was done for para 1.4). Addition of this new para may also be necessary as the UN Charter provides for only two categories of the membership of the Security Council. "Permanent members without veto" entails creating a third category of membership, which is not provided under the current Charter provisions. Once again we ask for detailed clarifications.

3. Still on categories, we note that para 1.4 (*referring to the intermediary/intermediate/interim/longer term/third category*) starts by quoting two positions that are against this approach. Here we find a different logic than in the rest of the document. The rationale behind the other regroupings is to pool together positions that could present potential commonalities. Following this method and as it was done in other parts of the text, a separate paragraph should be dedicated to the above mentioned positions that are against this approach. Clarifications, once again, would be appreciated.

4. Again on categories, para 1.4.1 referring to the Italian/Colombian proposal should be split. The part referring to regular non-permanent seats should be inserted as a separate bullet point under para 1.3 dedicated to enlargement in non permanent 2 year category.

5. The cluster on veto could also be started with either the general statements or with paragraphs that in their entirety deal with veto i.e. reform of veto, restrictions on its use, elimination. This may have been more in line with the logic applied elsewhere in the text than to start the cluster with paragraphs relating to enlargement of the Council.

6. With regard to para 3.2 (*Selection Criteria for new members*) we note that Italy and Colombia's position is not reflected in para 3.2.4 (which refers to *demography*), whereas the demographic principle is key in assigning regular non permanent seats in our proposal. Such a choice needs to be clarified.

Mr. Chairman,

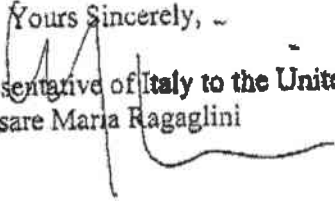
recalling once again the intergovernmental nature of the Security Council reform process, UFC is committed with it and with all the Member States in good faith, being the only Group that has shown flexibility over the last two years, since negotiations started. Our flexibility is reflected not only in our platform, but also in the evolution of the document, as anyone can observe. We are as usual open to the possibility of meeting with you in the near future to address the points raised in this letter.

We continue to be convinced that any breakthrough in the negotiations can be achieved by reciprocating such flexibility, and not by attempting to impose, once again, reform

formulas that have been rejected over the last 17 years. Unfortunately, by resuming framework solutions belonging to a pre negotiating era, a part of the membership is trying to undermine the process and the confidence of **Members States**.

We will oppose this attempt, by continuing to **ask all Member States to be ready to bridge differences, instead of exasperating them. On these premises, you can continue to count on our commitment to the process.**

Yours Sincerely, ~

  
**The Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations**  
Cesare Maria Ragaglini

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11 January, 2013

Your Excellency,

I have the honor to congratulate you on your assumption as Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform during the 67<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly.

China firmly supports necessary and reasonable reform of the Security Council to enhance its authority and efficiency, strengthen its capacity to respond to global threats and challenges, and enable it to better discharge its responsibilities entrusted by the Charter of the United Nations. China has actively and constructively engaged in the Intergovernmental Negotiations.

With reference to your letter dated Dec 4, 2012, I felt obliged to reiterate our positions on revision 3 of the negotiation text which were reflected in the two letters that I addressed to you dated 24 January, 2011 and 1 February, 2011.

Revision 3 of the negotiation text had caused some controversy among Member States and many countries and groups of countries expressed their concerns and reservations. It reorganized and summed up the positions and proposals of Member States, which is not only inappropriate and harmful, but also undermines the integrity of positions of Member States. This will only complicate and mislead the negotiation process. China is opposed to it, in particular using the text as an excuse to narrowing down options. Before the parties concerned reach general

consensus on the major issues of principle, streamlining of the text will not help bridge their differences, but rather bring about more problems.

China's position on revision 3 of the negotiation text remains unchanged and please find attached the above-mentioned two letters I wrote to you on previous occasions.

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



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Ambassador and Permanent Representative  
Of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Zahir Tanin

Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matter related to the Security Council

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Your Excellency,

China welcomes your efforts in facilitating the last six rounds of intergovernmental negotiations. We take note of your intention to distribute a new revision of the paper reflecting the positions and proposals of Member States. To my knowledge, a number of countries have expressed their opinions and concerns on this important matter to you, many of which China shares. Now I would like to reiterate the following points:

First, General Assembly Decision 62/557 calls on Member States to engage in the intergovernmental negotiations, based on proposals by Member States, in good faith, with mutual respect and in an open, inclusive and transparent manner. It determines the membership-driven nature of the intergovernmental negotiations.

Second, it is of utmost importance to comply with the relevant decisions of the General Assembly, and follow the principle of Member States-driven process, and fully solicit the views of Member States. Consensus of Member States must be achieved before you propose any document on your own capacity.

Third, the paper may serve as an important reference, but not the basis of intergovernmental negotiations. It should reflect the whole picture of the positions of Member States, and respect and retain the positions of all Member States and state groups in their entirety. Before the parties concerned reach general consensus on the major issues of principle, streamlining of the text will not help bridge their difference, but rather bring about more problems.

Fourth, to reorganize or summarize the positions and proposals of

Member States without their consent is inappropriate and harmful, which will complicate and mislead the negotiations and compromise the progress achieved so far. China opposes to it, in particular using the paper as an excuse to narrowing down options.

We will continue to support your Chairmanship and work together to ensure the success of the intergovernmental negotiations in the 65<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly.

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

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LI Baoding

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Your Excellency,

With reference to your letter dated 31 January 2011 submitting the third revision of the paper reflecting the positions and proposals of Member States, I would like to make the following points:

First, the paper may serve as an important reference facilitating the participation of Member States in intergovernmental negotiations, but not the basis for negotiations.

Second, China regrets that, despite the concerns and reservations expressed to you by a number of countries, including those in my letter dated 24 January 2011, an "operational tool" was proposed in your above-mentioned letter without prior consultations with and in absence of consensus among Member States. China opposes to any document inconsistent with relevant General Assembly decisions, particularly the principle of



membership-driven process.

Third, the Security Council reform is a serious and complicated process, which affects the future of the United Nations and key interests of all the Member States. It's not a game of word or format. Reorganizing or summarizing the positions and proposals of Member States without their consent is inappropriate and harmful, which will complicate and mislead the negotiations, damage solidarity and mutual trust and compromise the progress achieved so far.

Fourth, It is high time for Member States to seriously engage in exploring overall thinking which can indeed help bridging the differences among Member States. China supports agreeing on principles first before engaging in any streamlining or merging exercise.

China supports necessary reform of the Security Council. The reform should help improve the authority and efficiency of the Council and enable it to perform more effectively the responsibilities entrusted by the Charter of the United Nations. Security Council reform should give top priority to increasing the representation of developing countries, especially that of African countries, and give more small and medium-sized countries access to the Council and its decision making process.

We will continue to support your Chairmanship and work together to ensure the success of the intergovernmental

negotiations.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Li Baodong', written in a cursive style.

**LI Baodong**

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