



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1 October 2010

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to Decision 64/568 adopted on 13 September 2010 by the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly under its agenda item 119 on the "Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters."

Member States will recall 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 sixty-fifth session as mandated by General Assembly decisions 62/557 of 15 September 2008 and 63/565 of 14 September 2009, building on the progress achieved during its sixty-fourth session, as well as the positions of and proposals made by Member States, while noting with appreciation the initiatives and efforts of the President of the General Assembly and the Chair, including the preparation of the text reflecting the positions of and proposals submitted by Member States, with a view to an early comprehensive reform of the Security Council."

In accordance with the above-mentioned decision, I have the honour to inform you that I have appointed His Excellency Mr. Zahir Tanin, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and Vice-President of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly, to chair the intergovernmental negotiations on my behalf.

I would like to thank Ambassador Tanin for accepting this responsibility and trust that you will continue to extend your full cooperation and support to the process.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Deiss".

Joseph Deiss
President of the General Assembly

All Member States and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations