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**Permanent Mission of the Islamic
Republic of Afghanistan to the
United Nations**

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Excellency,

In reference to my letter of the 29th of December, and in accordance with General Assembly decision 62/557, I am pleased to announce that the next exchange of the 8th round of Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform will be held on Wednesday the 2nd of May 2012, with the time and the location to be announced in the Journal.

As explained in detail in my 29th of December letter, this will be the final of our five exchanges dedicated to each of the Member State initiatives circulated in my letter dated 9th of September 2011 and re-circulated on the 29th of December 2011. This fifth meeting will be dedicated to an in-depth discussion and evaluation of the 8th of September letter from the Permanent Representative of Switzerland of the Small Five group. In accordance with the modus operandi for these five exchanges as I set out in my 29th of December letter, at the outset, the authors of the initiative will be given an opportunity to introduce their proposals and indicate how their initiative could be further operationalised, in order to continue to move the process forward towards decisive progress. Afterwards, the rest of the membership will be invited to weigh in on the merits of the initiative and to indicate whether they support it.

Our dialogue in this session has been a turning point for these negotiations towards greater interactivity which I hope will continue through this session and our work ahead. I am confident that the continuing support of President of the General Assembly, H.E. Nassir Al-Nasser and focus and dedication of member states will guide us forward to a widely accepted solution.

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

Zahir Tanin

Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic 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 other matters related to the Council