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Excellency,

I have the honor to refer to the Intergovernmental Negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters.

As you are aware, His Excellency Ambassador Zahir Tanin, Permanent Representative of Afghanistan, has chaired the Intergovernmental Negotiations on behalf of successive Presidents of the General Assembly.

I believe that assuring continuation of work on this issue is of great importance. Over the past month and a half, I have held wide consultations with Member States on the way forward. During this, I was made aware of various concerns and divergent points of view on the different aspects of this complex and sensitive matter, including the fact that predictability and full transparency remain essential ingredients in the ongoing process.

Having completed my consultations, I have the honor to inform you that I have reappointed Ambassador Tanin to chair the Intergovernmental Negotiations on my behalf.

I would like to thank him for accepting this responsibility, and trust that Member States will continue to extend their full cooperation and support to his efforts.

On my part, I intend to work closely with Ambassador Tanin on this issue throughout the sixty-seventh Session of the General Assembly.

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

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