



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

I wish to refer to decision 69/560 of 14 September 2015, by which the General Assembly reaffirmed its central role on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council.

Member States will recall that the General Assembly in this regard decided to “immediately continue intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform in informal plenary of the General Assembly at its seventieth session, as mandated by Assembly decisions 62/557 of 15 September 2008, 63/565 B of 14 September 2009, 64/568 of 13 September 2010, 65/554 of 12 September 2011, 66/566 of 13 September 2012, 67/561 of 29 August 2013 and 68/557 of 8 September 2014, building on the informal meetings held during its sixty-ninth session, as well as the positions of and proposals made by Member States reflected in the text and its annex circulated by the President of the General Assembly in his letter dated 31 July 2015.”

I now have the honour to inform you that I have appointed H.E. Ms. Sylvie Lucas, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg as Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations.

I would like to thank Ambassador Lucas for accepting this very important responsibility and I trust that you will extend your full support and cooperation to her. I am confident that the forthcoming negotiations will build on the momentum and the progress made during the 69th session, and I encourage Member States to continue moving this process forward pursuant to decision 69/560, in particular the positions of and proposals made by Member States reflected in the text and its annex circulated by the President of the General Assembly in his letter dated 31 July 2015.

I also wish to inform you that I will convene the plenary debate on agenda item 121 entitled “Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council” on 30 October 2015, and I invite Member States to actively participate.

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

Mogens Lykketoft

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and Permanent Observers
to the United Nations