

27 March 2017

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from the Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council reform (IGN), H.E. Mr. Ion Jinga, Permanent Representative of Romania and H.E. Mr. Mohamed Khaled Khiari, Permanent Representative of Tunisia, confirming that the next meetings of the IGN will be held on 3 and 4 April 2017.

I have followed closely the discussions of the previous IGN meetings in February and March and I am encouraged by the high level of participation and engagement among delegations to find common ground. I look forward to your continuing active participation in the forthcoming meetings.

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

Peter Thomson

To All Permanent Representatives to the United Nations New York





23 March 2017

Excellency,

Following the productive meetings of the IGN on 7-8 March 2017, at which Member States discussed the three issues of (i) regional representation; (ii) categories of membership; and (iii) the question of the veto, and pursuant to our letter dated 21 February 2017, we would like to kindly remind member states that the next meetings of the IGN will be held on 3 and 4 April 2017.

The meeting on 3 April will provide an opportunity for member states to have an in-depth discussion on the linkages between two issues, namely (i) regional representation, and (ii) size of an enlarged Security Council. The meeting on 4 April will be dedicated to an interactive session for member states. In this respect, *food for thought* elements resulted from the IGN meetings of February and March 2017, on which member states are kindly invited to comment (with elements from the current meeting included) will be distributed before 3 April by the Co-Chairs.

The topics for subsequent meetings in May and June will be announced in advance to afford delegations sufficient time to prepare.

We are grateful for the continued support from delegations and we continue to encourage delegations to maintain consultations with one another, to find ways of bringing positions closer. We remain at your disposal should your delegation wish to engage on any aspects before our next meeting.

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

H.E. Dr. Ion Jinga
Permanent Representative of Romania

Co-Chair, IGN 71st Session

H.E. Mr. Mohammed Khaled Khiari Permanent Representative of Tunisia Co-Chair, IGN 71st Session

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