



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

11 July 2017

Excellency,

On 27 June 2017, I transmitted the letter of the Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on the issue of Security Council reform, to which they attached the final version of their document entitled "*Elements of commonality and issues for further consideration on the question of equitable representation and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters*".

Following conversations with Member States and groups of States, I now have the honour to enclose herewith the draft oral decision that I intend to present for adoption at the plenary meeting of the General Assembly on Wednesday, 19 July 2017 at 10.00 a.m., under agenda item 122, entitled "Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council".

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Thomson".

Peter Thomson

To All Permanent Representatives
to the United Nations
New York

Draft Oral Decision on Security Council reform

May I take it that the General Assembly,

1. Decides to reaffirm the central role of the General Assembly concerning the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council;
2. Also decides to immediately continue intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform in informal plenary of the General Assembly at its seventy-second 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, 68/557 of 8 September 2014, 69/560 of 14 September 2015 and 70/559 of 27 July 2016, building on the informal meetings held during its seventy-first session, as well as the positions of and proposals made by Member States, reflected in the text and its annex circulated on 31 July 2015, and using the elements of convergence circulated on 12 July 2016 and the elements of commonality and issues for further consideration circulated on 27 June 2017 to help inform its future work, while welcoming the active engagement, initiatives and intensive efforts of the President of the General Assembly, and noting with appreciation the active role and concrete efforts of the Co-Chairs undertaken in a consultative manner with a view to an early comprehensive reform of the Security Council;
3. Decides to convene the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council during the seventy-second session of the General Assembly, if Member States so decide;
4. Decides to include in the agenda of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly the item entitled “Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council”.