



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

25 April 2018

Excellency,

Following the third meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) on the question of the equitable representation on and the increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council, held on 27-28 March 2018, I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from the IGN Co-Chairs, H.E. Mr. Kaha Imnadze, Permanent Representative of Georgia and H.E. Ms. Lana Zaki Nusseibeh, Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates, on the agenda of the fourth meeting of the IGN, to be held on 1-2 May 2018, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

I was pleased to observe a high-level participation and commitment by the Member States during the third meeting of the IGN and I look forward to your active participation in the forthcoming meetings.

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

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajčák', written in a cursive style.

Miroslav Lajčák

To All Permanent Representatives
to the United Nations
New York



25 April 2018

Excellency,

We have the honor of addressing you in our capacity as Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform (IGN), and to confirm that the fourth informal meeting of the IGN will be held on 1 - 2 May 2018 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Prior to the third informal meeting, on 27-28 March, we shared a document entitled "Revised Elements of Commonality and issues for Further Consideration" with Member States. At this meeting, we heard several delegations comment on the difficulty they faced in providing comments on this document, due to the lack of time between its dissemination and the informal meeting. Based on these comments, the Co-Chairs will dedicate the upcoming fourth IGN meeting to further discussions on the "Revised Elements of Commonality and Issues for Further Consideration" document.

Additionally, in order to better focus our deliberations, the Co-Chairs propose that, during this meeting, Member States also engage more specifically on the following three clusters under Issues for Further Consideration: Categories of Membership; the Question of the Veto; and Regional Representation. These clusters are often mentioned as having close interlinkages that require further exploration. We therefore believe that the membership would benefit from further discussions on these, with a view to identifying possible areas for new commonalities. In particular, we would suggest that Member States focus on addressing the issues listed under "Issues for Further Consideration" in points: 4.a.; 4.c.; 5.a; 6.d.; and 6.j.

Similarly to the practice during the third informal IGN meeting, the meeting on the second day of the fourth IGN meeting, 2 May, will commence at 11am in order to allow for delegations to prepare their interventions.

We look forward to continuing our discussions at the next informal IGN meeting.

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



Kaha Imnadze
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of Georgia



Lana Zaki Nusseibeh
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of the United Arab Emirates

To: All Permanent Representatives to the United Nations, New York