



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

I wish to refer to General Assembly decision 72/557 of 29 June 2018, by which the General Assembly reaffirmed its central role concerning 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 in this regard that the General Assembly decided to “immediately continue intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform in informal plenary of the General Assembly at its seventy-third 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, 70/559 of 27 July 2016 and 71/553 of 19 July 2017, building on the informal meetings held during its seventy-second session and on the revised elements of commonality and issues for further consideration, circulated on 14 June 2018, 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”.

In this regard, I have the honour to inform you that I have appointed H.E. Mr. Christian Braun, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations and H.E. Mrs. Lana Zaki Nusseibeh, Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates, as Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations.

I would like to thank Ambassadors Braun and Nusseibeh for having accepted this very important responsibility. I trust that you will extend your full support and cooperation to them throughout the negotiation process. In line with the decision 72/557, I also look forward to engaging with the Co-Chairs and with all Member States on the reform process.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. ESPINOSA'.

María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés

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