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Excellency,

We have the honour of addressing you in our capacity as Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform (IGN).

During our first informal meeting held on 29 – 30 January 2019 a wide variety of views were expressed by Member States and groups with regard to the way forward during the 73rd session. We heard many proposals on how best to build on the work achieved so far in the framework of the Intergovernmental Negotiations, as well as on the way our work could be organized in the upcoming months. Assessments concerning our point of departure for this IGN session were widespread. At the same time, there is a broadly shared understanding that decisions 62/557 and 72/557 continue to guide our work and form the basis upon which the IGN must build.

It is the Co-Chairs' view that there is room for further exchanges between Member States and groups in relation to their positions on the five key issues of Security Council reform and their interlinkages, with a view to seeking further convergences and exploring in a more thorough manner issues identified for further consideration. The Co-Chairs therefore propose that in our second informal meeting on 25-26 February, Member States focus on the following clusters of Security Council reform: i) categories of membership ii) the question of the veto iii) regional representation.

The regional distribution of potential additional seats in the Security Council is one area in particular where further clarifications on positions might be beneficial. This also relates closely to the cluster on categories of membership and the categories that delegations envision in an enlarged Council. Furthermore, it has a bearing on the question of the veto and Member States' views on extending – or not, the veto in an enlarged Council.

In preparing their contributions, we urge delegation to avoid repetition of previously stated positions and rather to focus on how those positions relate to the views of others so that possible commonalities can be explored during our meeting. Our discussions will inform and directly feed into the outcome of the IGN process during the 73rd session.

We further wish to take this opportunity to inform delegations of the dates of upcoming meetings scheduled to allow ample time for delegations to prepare:

- 25 and 26 February (CR 2)
- 4 (ECOSOC Chamber) and 5 April (Trusteeship Chamber)
- 1 (CR 3) and 2 May (ECOSOC Chamber).
- 29 and 30 May (CR 1)

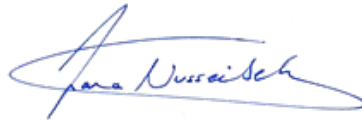
As Co-Chairs, we wish to underline that our door remains open, and we will continue to hold informal consultations in between these meetings with any and all groups and delegations that are interested. We further encourage groups to also use this time to meet and discuss with each other to narrow differences and identify possible convergences in positions.

We look forward to our substantive discussions at the next informal meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiations and the continued constructive engagement of all delegations.

Please accept Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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