



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

7 June 2019

Excellency,

Following the fifth 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, on 29-30 May, I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from the Co-Chairs, H.E. Mr. Christian Braun, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg, and H.E. Mrs. Lana Zaki Nusseibeh, Permanent Representative of United Arab Emirates, circulating the final version of the document entitled "Revised elements of commonality and issues for further consideration on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters".

I would like to express my deep appreciation to Ambassador Lana Nusseibeh and Ambassador Christian Braun for their work and efforts as Co-Chairs, as well as their teams, and for their leadership. I also wish to express my gratitude to Member-States for their constructive engagement and valuable discussions.

Throughout the session, I have called for a credible, transparent and inclusive process, guided by lessons learned and best practices and built on the progress made so far, at the pace and progress determined by Member-States. As the letter by the Co-chairs indicates, the attached document draws on the work done in previous years, being "a continuation of the IGN outcome documents produced during the 70th, 71st and 72nd session of the General Assembly and further draws on elements of the document that was the outcome of the 69th session of the GA". I encourage Member-States to explore ways to move the process towards a comprehensive reform of the Security Council.

As in previous years, a draft roll-over decision will be circulated shortly for consideration by Member States and for the adoption by the General Assembly in due course.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of my highest consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "M. ESPINOSA".

María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York



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PERMANENT MISSION OF THE
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
TO THE UNITED NATIONS
NEW YORK

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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).

Following the meetings of the IGN held during the 73rd session, we have the honour of enclosing herewith the final version of the document entitled “Revised elements of commonality and issues for further consideration on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters”. This document was circulated to the membership informally on 30 May 2019 and has now been updated with small editorial changes.

In line with the mandate set forth in General Assembly Decisions 62/557 and 72/557, this document reflects and draws on the positions and proposals, as well as the exchanges between Member States, during all five IGN meetings held in the 73rd session. Through our discussions this session, Member States have made good progress in strengthening language on working methods, the relationship between the Security Council and the General Assembly as well as on the representation of Africa on the Security Council. In this respect, Member States have identified further commonalities, highlighting areas on which we can all agree, as well as adding further issues for consideration to be built on in future IGN sessions with a view to eventually narrowing differences.

The document attached to this letter is a continuation of the IGN outcome documents produced during the 70th, 71st and 72nd session of the GA and further draws on elements of the document that was the outcome of the 69th session of the GA. We trust that this document will serve as a useful basis for taking the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform forward during the 74th session.

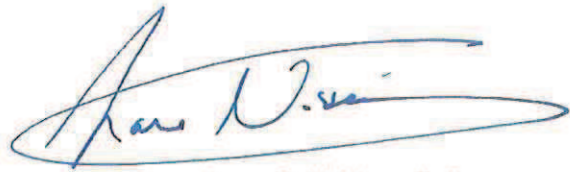
Throughout our work we have striven to ensure that the IGN is conducted in an inclusive and transparent manner, that is working towards a solution that can garner the widest possible political acceptance by Member States – as mandated by Decision 62/557.

We would like to express our gratitude to the President of the General Assembly for entrusting us with the task of co-chairing this process. It has been an honour to serve in this position. We wish to also thank all Member States for their constructive engagement, their continued support of the Co-Chairs, and their ongoing commitment to this process.

Please accept Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



Christian Braun
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of Luxembourg



Lana Zaki Nusseibeh
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of the United Arab Emirates

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

Enclosure:

Revised Elements of Commonality and Issues for Further Consideration