



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3 February 2020

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith, a letter from H.E. Mrs. Lana Zaki Nusseibeh, Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates, and H.E. Ms. Joanna Wronecka, Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations, co-chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) on the Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and matters related to the Security Council, regarding the first informal meeting of the IGN, scheduled for 13 and 14 February 2020.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Tijjani Muhammad-Bande'.

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

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



31 January 2020

Excellency,

We wish to refer to a letter dated 4 December 2019 by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, in which he informed Member States of his decision to appoint us as Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform. We would like to express our appreciation to the President of the General Assembly as well as to the membership for the trust and confidence to facilitate this crucial and important process.

In our capacity as Co-Chairs, we write to inform you that we will convene the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on 13–14 February 2020 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Please note that the session on 14 February will commence at 11 am in order to allow delegations to prepare for an interactive discussion that day based on questions to be circulated on 13 February – in line with the practice of last year. We also wish to note that a timeline of upcoming meetings with dates will be shared with delegations following the first meeting.

In the oral decision 73/554 of 25 June 2019 Member States have decided to continue the intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform by “building on the informal meetings held during the seventy-third session and on the revised elements of commonality and issues for further consideration circulated on 7 June 2019 as well as the positions of and proposals made by Member States, reflected in the text and its annex circulated on 31 July 2015.” In order to ensure the continuity of our work, the Co-Chairs invite the membership during our upcoming first meeting to share their views and, if possible, provide suggestions on ways in which our work can be taken forward during the 74th session building on the progress achieved so far, as well as the two documents rolled over by the oral decision referenced above, and in line with General Assembly decision 62/557.

We look forward to the active participation and constructive engagement of all delegations both in the forthcoming meeting and during the entire session of the intergovernmental negotiations. We also wish to reaffirm our availability for consultations throughout the process ahead of us in order to ensure its transparency, inclusivity and member-driven nature.

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


Joanna Wronecka

Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of the Republic of Poland


Lana Zaki Nusseibeh

Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of the United Arab Emirates

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