

THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

24 February 2020

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith, a letter from H.E. Ms. Lana Zaki Nusseibeh, Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates, and H.E. Ms. Joanna Wronecka, Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations, cochairs 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 focus of the forthcoming meetings of the IGN.

The letter also conveys the dates for the second and third meeting of the IGN, which would be held on 4 and 5 March (ECOSOC Chamber), and 26 and 27 March 2020 (Trusteeship Council Chamber), respectively.

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

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Excellency,

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

During the first informal meeting of the IGN held on 13–14 February, delegations had an opportunity to provide their views on how the IGN's work can be taken forward during this session in the coming months. We have heard a variety of suggestions concerning the focus of our upcoming meetings. A range of views was also expressed regarding the IGN's schedule of meetings during this session.

Taking the views expressed into account, we propose that delegations focus on the cluster of "regional representation" during our upcoming meeting, with a view to clarifying their positions on this cluster, especially as they relate to proposals made by other Member States and groups, as well as how they relate to the other clusters in view of the inherent interlinkages. It is our hope that the documents "Revised elements of commonality and issues for further consideration" circulated on 7 June 2019 and the "Framework document" and its annex circulated on 31 July 2015 could inform our forthcoming deliberations – in particular in how they currently reflect the positions of delegations on this specific cluster.

In the last informal meeting, numerous delegations mentioned the principles of reform as an important underlying factor in the reform process. As such, we invite delegations in their remarks to also address those principles that they feel might be necessary to discuss regional representation in a reformed Security Council. Our discussions will inform and directly feed into the outcome of the IGN process during the 74th session.

As announced on 14 February, the second meeting of the IGN will be held on 4–5 March in the ECOSOC Chamber. The subsequent, third meeting will then take place on 26–27 of March in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

We would like to thank all delegations for their active participation and constructive engagement during our first meeting, and we reiterate our availability for informal consultations between meetings.

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

Joanna Wronecka

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