



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

In the Declaration on the Commemoration of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the United Nations, Member States committed to instil new life in the discussions on the reform of the Security Council. Therefore, to do my part as the President of the General Assembly, I focused my efforts on ensuring that the necessary conditions for the proper functioning of the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) were in place, despite pandemic related limitations. With that perspective in mind, I announced the appointment of the Co-Chairs on 30 October 2020, well in advance of the previous sessions, in order to provide an opportunity for Member States to start their consultations in a timely manner. I also encouraged delegations to explore the possibility of starting the IGN early in 2021 and to increase the number of meetings this session. My objective was to provide the IGN sufficient time to advance the dialogue and to compensate for the reduction of meetings in the 74th session due to COVID-19.

The Co-Chairs, Ambassador Wronecka and Ambassador Al-Thani have ably led the process this session and presented their Elements Paper on Convergences and Divergences on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters, which I circulated to Member States on 12 May 2021.

My office and I have been in constant dialogue with all delegations and groups throughout the year. Following another intensive round of consultations with all major groups, a draft rollover decision was circulated on 11 June 2021, in order to continue IGN in the 76th session of the UN General Assembly. Considering that this is a technical rollover, the draft decision and timing are consistent with rollover decisions from previous sessions.

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I convened the General Assembly on 16 June 2021, to consider this agenda item. Two groups of countries submitted amendment proposals, which were circulated to Member States prior to the meeting. More than 35 delegations took the floor on behalf of various groups and countries. It was one of the liveliest debates of the 75th session where Member States expressed a range of positions.

After carefully listening to all delegations, it appeared to me that Member States need more time to consider and further consult on some issues amongst themselves. Hence, I suspended the consideration of this agenda item until 22 June 2021, at 10 a.m.

The General Assembly is the only competent organ to take a decision on this issue. Rollover decisions have always been adopted by consensus in the previous years. It is my hope that Member States will continue their consultations and find consensus on the issues raised in the General Assembly on 16 June 2021, so that this year`s rollover decision can also be adopted without a vote as in previous years.

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



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