



**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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*Permanent Mission of Denmark
to the UN in 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).

We would like to express our gratitude to H.E. Mr. Abdulla Shahid, President of the 76th session of the General Assembly, for entrusting us with the honour and privilege to co-chair this important process. We also thank Member States for their valuable contributions, constructive spirit, cooperation, and support over the course of this year's session.

Throughout the IGN GA 76th session, our work has been guided by the principles of inclusion and transparency. Furthermore, we have been guided by the spirit of the Declaration on the Commemoration of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the United Nations, which reiterated the call for reform of the three principal organs of the United Nations and committed to "*instil new life in the discussion on the reform of the Security Council*".

In General Assembly decision 75/569 of 22 June 2021, Member States decided to continue the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform by "*building on the informal meetings held during its seventy-fifth session, as reflected in the letter dated 12 May 2021 from the Co-Chairs, and on the document entitled Co-Chairs' 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, circulated on 29 April 2021, as well as the positions of and proposals made by Member States, reflected in the text and its annex circulated on 31 July 2015, to help to inform its future work*". In fulfilling the mandate set forth therein and following the positions, proposals, views, and remarks heard from Member States and Groups of States during the four IGN meetings held so far this session on 8-9 February, 7-8 March, 16-17 March, and 20-21 April, we are pleased to transmit the enclosed document entitled "Co-Chairs Revised 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".

To sustain a sense of continuity of the IGN deliberations, this Elements Paper builds in large part on the "Co-Chairs 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" circulated on 29 April 2021. It seeks to reflect the Co-Chairs' understanding of the current state of the IGN discussions on the five clusters and their linkages, as well as other issues raised by delegations, including procedural matters. Building on the more streamlined format of the document started by the IGN Co-Chairs of the 76th session, the updates made to this year's Elements Paper have been focused on further expanding the areas of convergence and narrowing down the areas of

divergence. We trust that the document will serve as a useful basis for taking the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform forward during the 77th session.

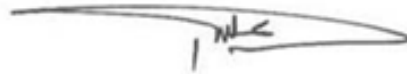
As previously announced, we are also pleased to confirm that the fifth IGN meeting will be held on 12-13 May in an interactive format and will serve as an opportunity to reflect on the progress made and the way forward. Delegations are encouraged to provide comments or suggestions to ensure that the enclosed document, as the basis of the outcome of this IGN session, is reflective of the elements of convergence and divergence that delegations have identified and articulated during this year's discussions.

We look forward to the continued active participation and constructive engagement of all delegations in the forthcoming meeting.

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



Martin Bille Hermann
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Attached: Revised Co-Chairs' 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