



PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly decision 76/572 of 12 July 2022, by which the General Assembly reaffirmed its central role concerning the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council and the commitment of Heads of State and Government representing the peoples of the world to instil new life in the discussions on the reform of the Security Council.

Member States will recall in this regard that the General Assembly decided to immediately continue intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform in informal plenary of the General Assembly at its seventy-seventh session, as mandated by Assembly decisions 62/557 of 15 September 2008, 63/565 B of 14 September 2009, 64/568 of 13 September 2010, 65/554 of 12 September 2011, 66/566 of 13 September 2012, 67/561 of 29 August 2013, 68/557 of 8 September 2014, 69/560 of 14 September 2015, 70/559 of 27 July 2016, 71/553 of 19 July 2017, 72/557 of 29 June 2018, 73/554 of 25 June 2019, 74/569 of 31 August 2020 and 75/569 of 22 June 2021, building on the informal meetings held during its seventy-sixth session as reflected in the letter dated 16 May 2022 from the Co-Chairs, and on the 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” circulated on 19 May 2022, 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.

I therefore have the further honour to inform you that I have appointed H.E. Mr. Michal Mlynár, Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations and H.E. Mr. Tareq M. A. M. Albanai, Permanent Representative of the State of Kuwait, as Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations during the 77th session.

During the General Debate last month, faced with a number of interlinked crises that have put multilateralism and the United Nations under severe pressure, world leaders clearly stated the need to reform the Security Council now more than ever. I hope that the early appointment of Co-Chairs will provide an opportunity for Member States to continue consultations on matters related to Security Council reform in a timely manner and to enhance their dialogue. I would like to encourage delegations to explore the possibility for the Intergovernmental Negotiations to start early in 2023, and urge all Member States to engage with an open mind, to build trust, and to find areas of commonality.

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To conclude, I would like to thank Ambassador Mlynár and Ambassador Albanai for having accepted this very important responsibility. Dialogue among Member States is the most effective way to move this process forward. I trust that you will extend your full support and cooperation to the Co-Chairs throughout the negotiation process.

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



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