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We have the honour to address you in our capacity as **Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations** on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other related matters to the Security Council (**IGN**) during the 77th session of the General Assembly.

Kindly find attached for your information a copy of our letter dated 27 April 2023 addressed to H.E. Ambassador Ferit Hoxha, Permanent Representative of Albania to the United Nations, in his capacity as **Chair of the Security Council Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions**.

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

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



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At the outset, we take this opportunity to express our appreciation for your efforts, in your capacity as Chair of the Security Council Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions, towards enhancing the working methods of the Security Council and improving the process by which the Council addresses issues concerning its documentation and other procedural questions.

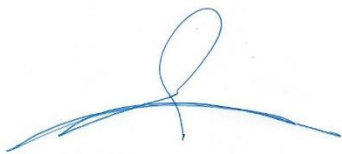
During the IGN meetings this session, many Member States highlighted the need to enhance the working methods of the Security Council in order to ensure its transparent, efficient, effective and accountable functioning. Several issues have been raised by Member States during this session's IGN meetings, as well as previous sessions, which relate to the working methods not only of a future – reformed and enlarged – Security Council, but delegations also consistently raise issues that relate to improvements of the working methods in the current set-up of the Council. These issues relate, amongst others, to the following:

- Reviewing the current system of penholdership.
- Enhancing the opportunities of non-members of the Security Council to participate in and contribute to the work of the Council and its subsidiary organs.
- Enhancing consultation between the Security Council and troop and police-contributing countries.
- Increasing interaction between the Security Council and the subsidiary organs of the General Assembly, including the Peacebuilding Commission.
- Undertaking a revision of the Council's Provisional Rules of Procedure to reflect these measures and further considering the formal adoption of its Provisional Rules of Procedure.

- The effective and consistent implementation of Presidential Note 507 and other Presidential Notes related to the working methods of the Council.
- Further enhancing the Council's interaction, including consultations with non-Council members in the process of negotiation of resolutions, with specially affected Member States, in line with relevant provisions of the Charter.
- Further strengthening cooperation with regional and sub-regional organizations and arrangements.
- Early submission by the Security Council of annual reports of a more comprehensive and substantive nature.
- Increased transparency and accountability of the Council towards the wider membership, for example by holding interactive wrap-up sessions at the end of Presidencies.

Having heard these loud and clear calls from Member States within the IGN process, we believe there is potential for greater cooperation and coordination between the IGN and IWG processes. In this context, we would like to recommend the convening of an annual meeting between the IWG Chair and the IGN Co-Chairs, in order to discuss the aforementioned issues which have been raised regularly over the years during the IGN meetings, as well as deliberating ways and means these two processes can best complement each other for the common goal of enhancing the working methods of the Security Council.

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