



Permanent Mission of the
State of Kuwait to the United Nations
New York

 Permanent Mission
of Austria to the
United Nations in New York

5 June 2024

Excellencies, dear colleagues,

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 78th session of the General Assembly.

As announced in our letter circulated 14 May 2024, the **fifth “un-formal” discussion / “Taxel Talks” on the contribution** for the Summit of the Future will be held on **Wednesday, 12 June 2024** at the Permanent Mission of Kuwait, 321 E 44th St, New York, NY 10017 from 1:15-2:45p.m. Please find attached a second revision (Rev2) of the IGN contribution to the Pact of the Future prepared by the IGN Co-Chairs. This version of the IGN contribution has been prepared based on the feedback received during the IGN sessions held on 20 and 21 May 2024.

The fifth “un-formal” discussion of the IGN will be held as per the usual practice at the Ambassadorial / Chargé d'affaires level in a 1+1 format, meaning that Permanent Representatives or Chargés d'affaires attending the meeting can be accompanied by an expert. We kindly ask that you RSVP by email to ayataqi4@gmail.com and lisbeth.strohmeier@bmeia.gv.at no later than Monday, 10 June 2024.

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

Enclosure: SotF Input Rev2

5. Transforming global governance

Action 1: We recognize the need for an urgent reform of the UN Security Council and commit to making the Council more representative and ensuring its inclusive, transparent, efficient, effective, democratic and accountable functioning

1. In response to the growing urgency to increase the effectiveness of the United Nations' abilities to maintain international peace and security as set out in the UN Charter, and taking into account Sustainable Development Goal 16.8., we agree to the following guiding principles identified in the Intergovernmental Negotiations process as parameters for reform:
 - (a) The Security Council will be enlarged in order to be more representative of the current membership and reflective of the realities of the contemporary world and increase representation of developing countries and small- and medium-sized states, such as Small Island Developing States (SIDS), Arab States and others.
 - (b) The enlargement will redress the historical injustice against Africa as a priority and, while treating Africa as a special case, serve to improve the representation of the underrepresented and unrepresented regions and groups.
 - (c) The reform will include, but not be limited to, an expansion of 2-year term non-permanent seats as part of a comprehensive Security Council reform. We will intensify our efforts to find an agreement on the question of categories of membership on the basis of the different options proposed as reflected in the relevant documents of the IGN.
 - (d) The enlarged Security Council should consist of a total number of 21 to 27 seats, ensuring a balance between the representativeness and effectiveness of an enlarged Council.
 - (e) The working methods will be addressed with a view to ensuring the inclusive, transparent, efficient, effective, democratic and accountable functioning of an enlarged Council.
 - (f) The question of the veto is a key element of Security Council reform. We will intensify our efforts to reach an agreement on the options for the future of the veto currently being discussed.
 - (g) As part of a comprehensive reform, the inclusion of a review clause will be considered to ensure that the Security Council continues over time to deliver on its mandate and remains fit for purpose.

Action 2: We are committed to strengthening our efforts in the framework of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform

2. We commit to strengthening our efforts for the reform of the Security Council, through the Intergovernmental Negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council (IGN) in accordance with decision 62/557 of the General Assembly and support the Member States driven nature of the reform. Building on the recent progress achieved in the IGN, including through more transparency and inclusivity and by enhancing its institutional memory, we agree to:
 - (a) Encourage the submission of further models and the revision of already presented models by States and Groups of States for the structured dialogues and request the IGN Co-Chairs to work towards developing a consolidated model based on models presented by Member States and the discussions on the five clusters as a foundation for further deliberations.
 - (b) Support the efficient and effective provision of resources from the UN system to the IGN process.

Action 3: We will strengthen the response of the United Nations system for the maintenance of international peace and security

3. In order to ensure an effective response from the United Nations system for the maintenance of international peace and security, we commit to continuing to improve and democratize the working methods of the Security Council and strengthening its relationship with the General Assembly, in accordance with and with full respect for their respective functions, authority, powers, and competencies as enshrined in the Charter. We agree to:
 - (a) Actively reinforce the efforts of the Security Council to continuously review and enhance its working methods as part of its regular activities, with a view to ensuring their effective and consistent implementation, including of Note 507.
 - (b) Fully implement and adhere to all provisions of the United Nations Charter as they relate to the decision-making process in the UN Security Council, including Art. 27 (3) of the UN Charter.
 - (c) Support credible, timely and decisive action by the Security Council to prevent or end the commission of genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes.

- (d) Strengthen the cooperation and communication between the Security Council and the General Assembly and its subsidiary bodies, including the Peacebuilding Commission, as well as the Economic and Social Council, including by continuing to fully implement and make use of General Assembly Resolutions 377A(V) ("Uniting for Peace") and 76/262 ("Veto Initiative").
- (e) Improve the participation in and access to the work of the Security Council and its subsidiary organs for all members of the General Assembly, to enhance the Council's accountability to the membership and increase the transparency of its work.