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New York

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United Nations in New York

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Excellencies,

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 78<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly.

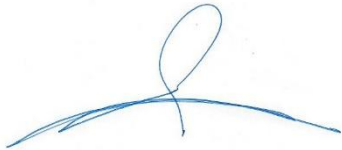
We thank all delegations for their constructive spirit and engagement throughout the negotiations on the input of the IGN to be submitted to the Co-Facilitators of the Summit of the Future for inclusion in Chapter V of the Pact for the Future. Throughout this process, delegations have engaged in good faith and in a spirit of cooperation and mutual trust. We are truly grateful for all the support!

We listened carefully to the different views expressed during the last IGN meeting on Thursday, 20 June 2024. Based on this feedback and after careful considerations and consultations with Member States and Groups of States, we have the honour to circulate the revised version of the language on Security Council Reform to be included in the **Pact for the Future**. We intend to **submit this version to the Co-Facilitators of the Summit of the Future**, based on the understanding that it enjoys the widest possible political acceptance among IGN delegations. As you can very well imagine, it was unfortunately not possible to include all requests. The current text, however, is based on extensive consultations and in our view is the best compromise achievable, striking a fair balance between the various positions expressed in the framework of the IGN.

We are soon going to send **another letter the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Dennis Francis**, with the account of our activities as Co-Chairs and the work of the IGN during the 78<sup>th</sup> session, including the final version of the Revised Co-Chairs Elements Paper. The President of the General Assembly will then soon announce the date of the oral decision to roll over the activities of the IGN to the next session - still during the month of July.

Let us thank you again for the excellent cooperation and constructive spirit throughout this process.

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**

## **5. Transforming global governance**

**Action 1: We will reform the UN Security Council, recognizing the urgent need to make it more representative, inclusive, transparent, efficient, effective, democratic and accountable.**

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, we agree to the following guiding principles identified in 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 as parameters for reform:
  - (a) Redress the historical injustice against Africa as a priority and, while treating Africa as a special case, improve the representation of the underrepresented and unrepresented regions and groups.
  - (b) Enlarge the Security Council in order to be more representative of the current membership and reflective of the realities of the contemporary world and, taking into account our commitments of Sustainable Development Goal 16.8, increase representation of developing countries and small- and medium-sized states.
  - (c) Continue our discussions on the issue of representation of cross-regional groups, taking into account that Small Island Developing States, Arab States, and others, such as the OIC, have been mentioned in the discussions of the IGN.
  - (d) Intensify our efforts to find an agreement on the question of categories of membership taking into account the discussions held in the IGN process. The reform will include, but not be confined to, an expansion of 2-year term non-permanent seats as part of a comprehensive Security Council reform.
  - (e) The total number of members of an enlarged Council should ensure a balance between its representativeness and effectiveness.
  - (f) The working methods should ensure the inclusive, transparent, efficient, effective, democratic and accountable functioning of an enlarged Council.
  - (g) The question of the veto is a key element of Security Council reform. We will intensify our efforts to reach an agreement on the future of the veto, including discussions on limiting its scope and use.
  - (h) As part of a comprehensive reform, the inclusion of a review clause should be considered to ensure that the Security Council continues over time to deliver on its mandate and remains fit for purpose.

**Action 2: We will strengthen our efforts in the framework of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform as a matter of priority and without delay.**

2. We support the Member States driven nature of the reform of the Security Council, and we will intensify our efforts for the reform through the IGN in accordance with General Assembly Decision 62/557 and other relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly, such as resolution 53/30. 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 with a view to developing a consolidated model in the future based on convergences on the five clusters and the models presented by Member States.

**Action 3: We will strengthen the response of the Security Council for the maintenance of international peace and security and strengthen its relationship with the General Assembly.**

3. We will continue to improve and democratize the working methods of the Security Council and strengthen 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, with the understanding that this should not substitute the reform of the UN Security Council outlined in Action 1. We agree to:
  - (a) 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.
  - (b) Support credible, timely and decisive action by the Security Council, in exercise of its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, to prevent or end the commission of genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes.

- (c) Actively reinforce the ongoing efforts of the Security Council to review and enhance its working methods, including inter alia, penholding and co-penholding arrangements, and 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 and regional and sub-regional arrangements, including by continuing to fully implement and make use of General Assembly Resolutions 377A(V) (“Uniting for Peace”) and 76/262 (“Veto Initiative”).
- (d) 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.