

Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations in New York

14 October 2024

Excellencies, dear colleagues,

With reference to the letter dated 4 October 2024 from the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Philemon Yang, we have the honor of addressing 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 matters related to the Council (**IGN**) during the 79th session of the UN General Assembly.

First of all, we would like to express our **sincere gratitude to the PGA** for the trust and confidence he has placed in us to continue leading this crucial process for UN reform, especially after the successful adoption of the Pact for the Future, where Member States agreed to strengthen efforts in the framework of the IGN on Security Council Reform as a matter of priority and without delay.

In order to start our discussions for Security Council Reform during this year and fulfill this mandate from the Pact for the Future, the Co-Chairs would like to invite delegations to a first informal informal meeting ("Back to Work") to take stock of the progress achieved and discuss the work of the IGN during the 79th session on 22 October 2024 at 11.30-1.00 p.m. at the Permanent Mission of Kuwait 321 E 44th St, New York, NY 10017. In accordance with the practice of last year, the Co-Chairs have the honour to extend the invitation to these un-formal conversations at the **Ambassadorial** / **Chargé d'affaires level in a 1+1 format.** We kindly ask that you RSVP to no later than **Friday**, **18 October**.

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

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