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 Permanent Mission
of Austria to the
United Nations in New York

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Excellencies, dear colleagues,

We have the honor 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 79th session of the General Assembly.

Permit us first to express our gratitude to all delegations for the active participation during the first informal meeting (unformal) “Back to Work” session held on 22 October 2024. We heard from many delegations their commitment to build on the progress achieved during the past session, particularly with a view to implementing the wishes of our Heads of State and Government as reflected in the Pact for the Future. We welcome the commitment of delegations to achieving further progress in the IGN during this session.

In line with the provision contained in the Pact for the Future to “strengthen our efforts in the framework of the IGN as a matter of priority and without delay”, we propose to begin negotiations for this session right after the General Assembly Debate on Security Council Reform on 11 November 2024. In addition to the discussions on the five clusters that have been ongoing over the past years, we intend to continue the structured dialogue on models presented by individual Member States and Groups of States this year. This includes revised models that have been updated based on the discussions held last year.

In this regard and in line with the provisions contained in the Pact for the Future, we encourage the submission of further models, as well as the revision of existing models by States and Groups of States for the structured dialogues. The discussion of new models and revised models, alongside the continuation of the cluster discussions, will be pursued 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, as prescribed in the Pact for the Future.

More specifically, we would invite delegations to the **first formal IGN session on 19 and 21 November 2024, 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 – 6.00 p.m.** in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The meeting on **19 November 2024** will focus on a discussion of the five clusters in a holistic manner, whereas the Co-Chairs encourage delegations to focus, in particular, on two topics as follow up to the negotiations of the Pact for the Future: (1) categories of membership; (2) representation of cross-regional groups.

The meeting on **21 November 2024** will serve as an opportunity to continue the model discussion. Given the submission of a revised model by the delegation of Liechtenstein, this meeting will serve as an opportunity to discuss this revised model.

In addition, we would like to invite delegations for two **informal informal discussions (“Taxel Talks”)** at the Permanent Mission of Austria, 633 Third Avenue, 18th Floor on **25 November and 4 December 2024 at 1.15 p.m.** These meetings will also focus on the follow-up to the Pact for the Future. The meeting on 25 November will discuss the question of the veto, including limitations of the scope and use of the veto as contained in Action 39 (g) of the Pact for the Future; the meeting on 4 December will discuss the interim measures mentioned in Action 41 of the Pact for the Future. Please register for these Taxel Talks no later than 2 working days in advance by sending an e-mail to Lisbeth.strohmeier@bmeia.gv.at.

Finally, the Co-Chairs have scheduled the following **IGN meetings in early 2025: 15/16 January and 11/12 February 2025.** These meetings will focus on the continuation of the cluster discussions, the discussion of new models as well as revised models. The Co-Chairs will announce the concrete topics of each session in due course.

For ease of reference, please find below a timeline for the upcoming IGN meetings following the suggestion by several delegations during the informal informal on 22 October 2024 to receive a detailed work plan for the coming months.

| Format | Date | Time | Venue | Topic/Cluster |
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| 1 st IGN Plenary | 19 November 2024 | 10:00am -1:00pm 3:00pm-6:00pm | Trusteeship Council | Categories of membership + Cross-regional representation |
| 1 st IGN Plenary | 21 November 2024 | 10:00am -1:00pm 3:00pm - 6:00pm | Trusteeship Council | Model discussion (revised model by Liechtenstein) Reserved for possible spill-over of cluster discussion |
| Taxel Talks | 25 November 2024 | 1:15pm-2:45pm | Permanent Mission of Austria, 633 Third Avenue, 18 th Floor | Question of the Veto |
| Taxel Talks | 4 December 2024 | 1:15pm-2:45pm | Permanent Mission of Austria, 633 Third Avenue, 18 th Floor | Interim Measures |
| 2 nd IGN Plenary | 15-16 January 2025 | 10:00am-1:00pm 3:00pm-6:00pm | Trusteeship Council | TBD |
| 3 rd IGN Plenary | 11-12 February 2025 | 10:00am-1:00pm 3:00pm-6:00pm | Trusteeship Council | TBD |

Dates for the remainder of the IGN meetings will be shared in the near future.

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



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