

Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations in New York

19 December 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 79th session of the General Assembly.

Let us express our gratitude to all delegations for the active participation during the meetings of the IGN so far. The **early resumption of the IGN meetings** has demonstrated the determination of the membership to implement the commitments of our leaders made at the Summit of the Future to "strengthen our efforts in the framework of the IGN as a matter of priority and without delay". In addition to discussions on the five clusters, we have already held a discussion on a revised model and three informal informal meetings ("Taxel Talks").

The Co-Chairs intend to build on the discussions held and progress achieved so far and continue the work of the IGN in the first half of the coming year with the same sense of commitment by the membership to find common ground. In this regard, the Co-Chairs are glad to share below a **timeline for the work of the IGN** for the remainder of the 79th session of the IGN. Please note that the meetings in January and February had to be rescheduled. In addition to the envisioned formal plenary meetings, informal meetings on specific questions will be organized when considered useful.

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

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Annex: IGN Roadmap 2025

Date	Time	Format	Focus	Location
21/22 Jan	10:00-13:00 15:00-18.00	IGN Plenary	Cluster Debate on the Veto	Trusteeship Council
27/28 Feb	10:00-13:00 15:00-18.00	IGN Plenary	Cluster Debate on Working Methods + Model Discussion	Trusteeship Council
18/19 March	10:00-13:00 15:00-18.00	IGN Plenary	Cluster Debate Size of the Future Council + Model Discussion	Trusteeship Council
23/24 April	10:00-13:00 15:00-18.00	IGN Plenary	Cluster Debate on Procedure of SC Reform + Model Discussion	Trusteeship Council
28/29 May	10:00-13:00 15:00-18.00	IGN Plenary	Elements Paper and Way Ahead for the IGN Process	Trusteeship Council