




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

 Permanent Mission
of Austria to the
United Nations in New York

28 March 2024


Excellencies, dear colleagues,

We have the honour 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 78th session of the UN General Assembly.

Kindly find attached a copy of a letter dated 21 March 2024 received by the Co-Chairs from the Permanent Mission of Japan requesting that this letter containing a link to the UN website “Interactive Handbook of the Working Methods of the Security Council” be uploaded to the IGN repository.

The attached document will be **posted on the IGN website** which acts as a repository of the IGN process upon the request of the Permanent Mission of Japan.

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

PERMANENT MISSION OF JAPAN
TO THE UNITED NATIONS
NEW YORK

March 21, 2024

Dear Co-Chairs,

It is my honor to address you in your capacity as the Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on the question of equitable representations on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other related matters to the Security Council (IGN) of the 78th United Nations General Assembly.

The IGN meeting on 19 March 2024, which focused on the working methods of the Security Council, was a fruitful one. To build on the discussion, and increase awareness of recent developments in the Council's working methods, I believe that the UN website "Interactive Handbook of the Working Methods of the Security Council" (<https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/interactive-handbook>) will be a useful source of information for Member States' reference. This website, sponsored by Japan and developed together with the Secretariat and several former Council members, is a web-based format of the "Green Handbook", which compiles the Provisional Rules of Procedure of the Security Council (S/96/Rev.7), Note 507 (S/2017/507), and all subsequent notes by the President issued in relation to the working methods of the Council, and provides easy access to those documents. It would be appreciated if you could upload the above link to the Security Council reform repository website.

We look forward to continuing a constructive discussion at the IGN for an early reform of the Council to better reflect the 21st Century.

Sincerely,



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