

21 November 2023

Excellencies, dear colleagues

With reference to the letter dated 10 October 2023 from the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Dennis Francis, we have the honour of addressing you in our capacity as Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on the question of equitable representation and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters to the Council (IGN) during the 78th session of the UN General Assembly.

First of all, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the President for the trust and confidence he has placed in us in leading this crucial process for UN reform, particularly in the year that the United Nations is working towards the Summit of the Future. We are looking forward to working with all delegations in the spirit of trust, mutual understanding and transparency that has guided us during this session.

Secondly, we would like to recall the letter that we sent on 2 June 2023 at the end of the negotiations held in the framework of the IGN during the 77th session. In this letter we referred to the progress achieved during the 77th session, including the launching of the IGN website, the introduction of the webcast for some of the IGN sessions, the ~~Hope~~

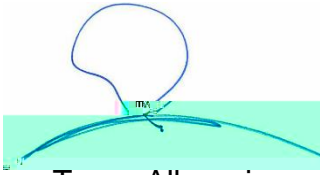
May, that the next round of the IGN process during the 78th session include the following three elements (1) negotiations to reinforce and build convergence, (2) Structured Dialogue on models proposed by States and Groups, (3) a contribution by the IGN to the Summit of the Future, in order to avoid duplications between different ongoing processes.

Negotiations to reinforce and build convergences

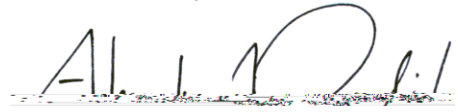
In this regard, the Co-Chairs propose that the IGN convene its first meeting on 13 and 14 December 2023, from 10.00 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The meeting will be held as a debate with webcast followed by an interactive dialogue without webcast as per the established practice. This meeting should serve as a platform to continue the negotiations on the five clusters mentioned in paragraph (a) (i) of UNGA Decision 62/557. With a view to further increasing the understanding of positions and fostering convergences among IGN participants, all issues of the five clusters mentioned in paragraph (e) (ii) of Decision 62/557 would this time be addressed in a comprehensive and concentrated manner during this meeting, better illuminating the interlinkages and connections among them. With a view to the fact that institutional memory and the transparency of the process has been increased with the introduction of the webcast and the dedicated website, the Co-Chairs suggest that delegations focus on new elements in their positions regarding Security Council reform, rather than restating their positions that have already been put forward as part of the repository. We also have the honour to recall the

have been received by the CoChairs and posted on the repository: one model submitted by [Mexico](#)

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



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