

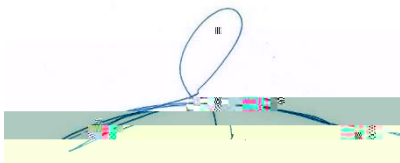
1 May 2024

Excellencies,

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 78<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly.

As announced in our letter circulated 29 April 2024, the fourth informal discussion on the contribution for the Summit of the Future will be held on Thursday, 2 May 2024 at the Permanent Mission of Kuwait, 321 E 44th St, New York, NY 10017 from 1.15 -2.45p.m. Please find attached a draft text of the IGN contribution to the Pact for the Future prepared by the IGN Co-Chairs. As mentioned in our letter yesterday, this meeting will provide an opportunity for a first informal discussion and to brainstorm on the proposals put forward by the Co-Chairs.

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



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State of Kuwait to the United Nations

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2. We commit to accelerating Security Council reform in line with SDG 16.8 through the Intergovernmental Negotiations on the question of equitable representation and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council in accordance with decision 62/557 of the General Assembly. We support the Member States driven nature of the Security Council reform. We welcome the real progress achieved in the framework of the IGN, including through more transparency and inclusivity and by enhancing its institutional memory, particularly by the webcasting of parts of the IGN sessions and introducing a repository of the IGN with a dedicated website. We also welcome the structured dialogue on specific models which helped create a more concrete exchange of ideas, enhance the understanding of different positions and increase convergences among Member States.
3. We acknowledge the convergences identified within the IGN as the foundation for reform, including inter alia that:
  - a. the reform should aim at making the Security Council more inclusive, transparent, efficient, effective, democratic and accountable
  - b. the Security Council needs to be enlarged in order to be more representative of the current membership and reflective of the realities of the contemporary world. The enlargements should serve to improve the representation of the underrepresented and unrepresented regions and groups, address the historical injustice against Africa and increase representation of developing countries and small and medium sized states, including Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and others
  - ~~c. The reform should include an expansion of the category of 2-year term non-permanent members as part of~~ and medium consist of a total number of members in the mid-20s, within an overall range of 27 seats, with the exact number to emerge from the discussion of Member States on the key issues of "categories of membership" and "regional representation", and with the total size ensuring a balance between the representativeness and effectiveness of an enlarged Council
  - e. working methods will need to be addressed as a result of expansion, with a view to increasing the transparency, effectiveness, functionality, and accountability of an enlarged Council
  - f. the question of the veto is a key element of Security Council reform and a significant, growing number of Member States support limitations to the scope and use of the veto;
  - g. as part of a comprehensive reform of the Security Council the inclusion of a review clause could be considered so as to ensure that the Security Council continues over time to deliver on its mandate and remains fit for purpose.

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and complementary, in accordance with and with full respect for their respective functions, authority, powers, and competencies as enshrined in the Charter, including in respect to matters related to international peace and security. Specifically, we encourage the General Assembly to:

- a. Fully implement General Assembly Resolution 677A(V) ~ ^ h v ] š ] v P ( } Œ W 76/262 ~ ^ s š } / v ] š ŋ c ŋ ŋ by adopting substantive resolutions in the General Assembly during the meetings held under these mechanisms whenever the Security Council fails to exercise its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security
- b. Adopta Œ • } o μ š ] } v o Œ ] ( Ç ] v P š Z ] v š Œ % Œ š š ] } v } ( š Z š Œ 27 (3) of the UN Charter in order to ensure the full implementation of this provision
- c. Examine the establishment of a mechanism that ensures automatic consequences in the case of grave violations of the UN Charter.