

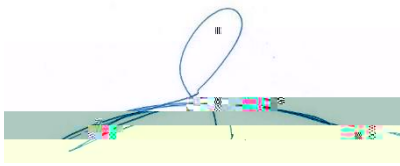
21 August 2024

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 78th session of the General Assembly.

With reference to our letter dated 12 August 2024, we have the honor to transmit to you the **final revised version** of the IGN contribution for

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

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Action 1: We will reform the UN Security Council recognizing the urgent need to make it more representative, inclusive, transparent, efficient, effective, democratic and accountable

1. In response to the growing urgency to increase the effectiveness of the United Nations capabilities to maintain international peace and security as set out in the UN Charter, we agree on the following guiding principles identified in 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) in accordance with decision 62/557 of the General Assembly, as parameters for reform:

- (a) Redress the historical injustice against Africa as a priority and, while treating Africa as a special case, improve the representation of the underrepresented and unrepresented regions and groups, such as Asia Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean
- (b) Enlarge the Security Council in order to be more representative of the current membership and reflective of the realities of the contemporary world, and, taking into account our commitments of Sustainable Development Goal 16.8, increase representation of developing countries and small and medium-sized states
- (c) Continue discussions on the issue of representation of regional groups, taking into account that Small Island Developing States, Arab States and others, such as the OIC, have been mentioned in the discussions of the IGN
- (d) Intensify efforts to find an agreement on the question of the categories of membership

(c) Actively reinforce the ongoing efforts of the Security Council to review and enhance its working methods, including inter alia, penholding and ~~co~~penholding arrangements and strengthen the cooperation and communication between the Security Council and ~~the~~ General Assembly and its subsidiary bodies, including the