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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.

We herewith transmit to you a text on Actions regarding Security Council reform as negotiated in the IGN with the intention that this text is incorporated into the draft Pact for the Future. As you recall, it was agreed among Member States that the IGN would provide the language on Security Council reform to be included in Chapter V of the Pact for the Future.

The language attached has been thoroughly discussed by delegations over several months, with **four informal discussions and two full IGN meetings** dedicated to elaborating a comprehensive input for the Pact for the Future. In addition, the IGN Co-Chairs had countless **bilateral meetings to consult with Member States** on the best possible compromise between diverging positions. Throughout this process, delegations have engaged in good faith and in a spirit of cooperation and mutual trust. We are truly grateful to all delegations for their support.

After many rounds of consultations, we have come to the conclusion that the attached text enjoys the **widest possible political acceptance among delegations** and in our view is the **best compromise achievable**, striking a fair balance between the various positions expressed in the framework of the IGN, keeping options open on those issues where no convergences exist yet and enabling the work of the IGN to progress in a forward-looking manner at its next session. Considering the state of play and the different views on this issue, the text constitutes

a meaningful result that contains initial agreements on leaders level on principles and content of the reform of the Security Council, on the further process and on intermediate measures to enhance the effectiveness of the Council before entry into force of the reform. In our view, this package of Actions constitutes **ambitious and concrete progress on Security Council reform** for the first time since 1963 and can be considered as evidence of the determination of world leaders to address this issue as a matter of priority.

We therefore request you to include this text on Security Council Reform in the draft Pact for the Future. The common understanding throughout this process expressed repeatedly both within the IGN and at the consultations on the Pact for the Future has been that the text elaborated in the IGN on Security Council Reform would be **incorporated *as is*** into the final draft Pact



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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 abilities 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