



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

20 April 2007

Excellency,

I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, the Report of the Facilitators on the consultations regarding the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and other Matters related to the Security Council.

These consultations represented a genuine attempt to assess the state of affairs concerning the longstanding issue of Security Council reform. The outcome of these consultations should help to maintain the momentum on Security Council reform in order to reach the broadest possible agreement on this important matter. The report contains a section "Notions on the Way Forward" that outlines a number of possible scenarios that Member States could take into account during forthcoming consultations.

The report emphasizes that Security Council reform is an integral part of the United Nations reform process; that maintaining the status quo is not acceptable; and, that flexibility by all Member States is key in order to achieve tangible results. Moreover, the report stresses the need to enhance Member States' access to the Council, both in terms of increasing their chances to serve as members and, while not a member, to increase their involvement in the Council's work. The report also underlines that enlargement should address the under-representation of developing countries as well as small States. It further highlights that enlargement and working methods are intertwined and need to be dealt with in a comprehensive manner; and, that under any scenario continued efforts should be made to improve the working methods of the Security Council.

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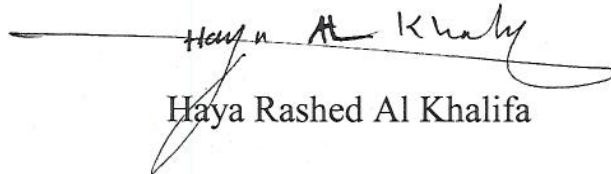
In view of the current status of the reform process, the report invites Member States to explore new and emerging ideas as a means to move forward through a result-orientated process over which Member States should have collective ownership.

Against this backdrop, I share the Facilitators' view that there is a path forward that Member States can build on taking advantage of the current momentum. I therefore invite you to give particular attention to the section "Notions on the Way Forward" in order to have a focused and productive discussion.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincerest appreciation and gratitude to the Facilitators, Their Excellencies Ali Hachani, the Permanent Representative of Tunisia; Andreas D. Mavroyiannis, the Permanent Representative of Cyprus; Mirjana Mladineo, the Permanent Representative of Croatia; Heraldo Muñoz, the Permanent Representative of Chile; and, Frank Majoor, the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands, for their dedication and for the skillful manner in which they have conducted these inclusive and transparent consultations on Security Council reform during the past three months.

Finally, I have requested unofficial translations of the text in all other official languages, in order to enable all delegations to make an in-depth review and consideration of the report. These should be ready by Wednesday, 25 April. To give Member States sufficient time to reflect on the report and, as appropriate, receive guidance from their respective capitals I intend to convene an informal meeting to discuss the report on Thursday, 3 May 2007.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
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