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Excellency,

In strict conformity with the Work Plan elaborated by the President of the General Assembly and embraced by Member States during our successful 19 February launch of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council reform, I am herewith, as a Chair impartial to any of the positions yet partial to progress, after the third round's conclusion, providing guidance to Member States on the path to further decisive progress.

After a period of reflection by Member States on their positions and their oral and written proposals so far, which are at the center of these ongoing negotiations as mandated by GA Decision 62/557, the third round consisted of six meetings as defined in my 16 July and 12 August letters, during which the membership continued to participate both actively and interactively.

On 1 September, Member States took advantage of the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> meetings of the informal plenary to address all the five key issues together (paragraphs 14-17 of the Overview), which was yet another opportunity to explore the interconnectedness between all of them. The first cycle saw 39 interventions, followed by none in the second. After consideration of the five key issues one by one during the first round and then through two exchanges on, respectively, the key issues under composition (paragraph 14 of the Overview) and on the key issues of paragraphs 15-17 of the Overview during the second, Member States over the course of three rounds of negotiations have now looked at the five key issues from virtually all possible different angles.

On 2 September, Member States took advantage of the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> meetings of the informal plenary to zero in on the model with an expansion in both current categories including its different varieties. This model, which over the course of three rounds of negotiations has commanded the most support from delegations taking the floor, was discussed in light of all its advantages and disadvantages, all its different varieties and all the five key issues. The first cycle saw 51 interventions, followed by three in the second.



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On 3 September, Member States took advantage of the 31<sup>st</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> meetings of the informal plenary to zero in on the so-called intermediate model including its different varieties. This model, which does not represent the first preference of any delegation, was discussed in light of all its advantages and disadvantages, all its different varieties and all the five key issues. The first cycle saw 43 interventions, followed by two in the second. Even though Member States further fleshed out this model through an elaboration of the main negotiables<sup>1</sup>, it continued to raise questions.

Three rounds of negotiations, conducted by Member States in good faith, with mutual respect and in an open, inclusive and transparent manner, have evinced the potential for further decisive progress in the very near future towards finding a solution that can garner the widest possible political acceptance by Member States and towards achieving the objective set by world leaders in paragraph 153 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome<sup>2</sup>:

"We support early reform of the Security Council – an essential element of our overall effort to reform the United Nations – in order to make it more broadly representative, efficient and transparent and thus to further enhance its effectiveness and the legitimacy and implementation of its decisions."

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

Zahir Tanin

Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the United Nations

Chair of 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.

<sup>1</sup> Including inter alia the relevant negotiables mentioned in the Overview, such as the length of the terms [3-15] of extended seats, the possibility of re-election to extended seats, the nature of review [after 10-15 years] or challenge and provisions to prevent "flip-flopping".

<sup>2</sup> A/RES/60/1.