



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

21 November 2008

Excellency,

I have the honor to recall decision 62/557 adopted on 15 September 2008 by the sixty-second session of the General Assembly under its agenda item 122 on "Question of equitable representation and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters," and in particular its paragraph c, which states:

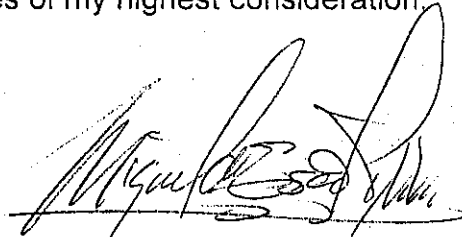
"Decided, building on the progress achieved thus far, in particular during its sixty-first and sixty-second sessions, as well as the positions of and proposals made by Member States to continue immediately to address, within the Open-ended Working Group, the framework and modalities in order to prepare and facilitate intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council. The Chairperson of the Open-ended Working Group would present the results of these consultations to an informal plenary session of the General Assembly, no later than February 1, 2009."

I am encouraged to note, that with the first two meetings of the Open-ended Working Group on 11 and 17 November 2008 the implementation of this decision is now well under way in a constructive and productive manner. In order to further facilitate the implementation of this mandate, I am herewith, as I already announced in the General Assembly on 18 November 2008 at the outset of our debate under agenda item 111, outlining the work plan of the Open-ended Working Group for the near future. While Member States are free to express their views on any matter they deem relevant, through this work plan I am inviting Member States to focus on specific parts of our mandate, so as to maximize the chances of achieving results. Let me in general once again remind Member States of the urgency of our task to move forward in our efforts on Security Council reform.

All Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

Date:	Forum:	Agenda:
5 December 2008	OEWG	Framework
January 2009	OEWG	Modalities
January 2009	OEWG	Discussion on the results of the consultations
January 2009, no later than 1 February	GA informal plenary	OEWG Chairman to present the results of its consultations to an informal plenary of the General Assembly

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



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