



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

20 April 2016

Excellency,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 19 April 2016 from H.E. Ms. Sylvie Lucas, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg, Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform (IGN), informing Member States of the upcoming meeting of the IGN. The meeting will cover the two remaining key issues identified in General Assembly Decision 62/557, namely, categories of membership and regional representation.

I take this opportunity to encourage the active support and participation of Member States in the proceedings of this meeting.

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

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Mogens Lykketoft

To All Permanent Representatives  
to the United Nations  
New York



New York, 19 April 2016

Excellency,

I write to inform you of our upcoming meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) on Security Council Reform to be held on 2 May 2016 at 10am in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. As we will be covering the two remaining key issues identified in General Assembly Decision 62/557, namely, categories of membership and regional representation, the Trusteeship Council Chamber has also been reserved for the following day, to allow for an extension of the meeting into 3 May, if necessary.

While keeping in mind the interrelated nature of all five key issues, and as work continues on the follow-up to the key issues of relationship between the Council and the General Assembly and size of an enlarged Security Council and working methods of the Council, our engagement on categories of membership and regional representation will naturally tie into our discussions from 9 March on the question of the veto.

As per past practice, I would invite Member States to inscribe on the list of speakers. However, in an effort to foster constructive dialogue and engagement on each other's positions and proposals, Member States will also have the opportunity after each statement to seek points of further clarification.

Depending on how discussions proceed, the meeting time we have at our disposal on 3 May could also be an opportunity to further explore and clarify thematic points, which could include: the practical implementation of possible cross-regional arrangements, the modalities of proposed review mechanisms or other substantive issues that may arise.

In preparation for the meeting, Member States may wish to review the positions and proposals of Member States reflected in the text and its annex circulated by the letter of the previous President of the General Assembly dated 31 July 2015, in order to examine to what extent they share the views of other Member States or groups of States.

As has been the case thus far, the meeting is also an opportunity for Member States to provide clear indications on how their positions and proposals would be implemented; with the aim of assisting our collective understanding of the various proposals at hand and moving the reform process forward.

Finally, I wish to again encourage Member States to continue their outreach to each other; this is especially important as we discuss these two particularly interconnected and complex key issues. It is only through genuine dialogue that we will be able to bring positions closer together on Security Council reform, and in particular, the key issues of categories of membership and regional representation.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sylvie Lucas', with a stylized flourish above the name.

Sylvie Lucas  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative  
Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations  
on Security Council Reform

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