



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

23 February 2017

Excellency,

Following the first meetings of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council reform (IGN), held on 6 and 7 February 2017, I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from the Co-Chairs, H.E. Mr. Ion Jinga, Permanent Representative of Romania and H.E. Mr. Mohamed Khaled Khiari, Permanent Representative of Tunisia, concerning the timelines of future IGN meetings.

I was pleased to observe during the first set of meetings held earlier this month the high level of commitment among delegations to engage on the issue and I look forward to your continuing active participation in the remaining IGN meetings scheduled by the Co-Chairs during the current session.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson'.

Peter Thomson

To All Permanent Representatives
to the United Nations
New York



PERMANENT MISSION OF ROMANIA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

PERMANENT MISSION OF TUNISIA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS



21 February 2017

Excellency,

Following the first meeting of the IGN on 6 and 7 February 2017, at which Member States clearly demonstrated continuing readiness to engage actively in our collective effort to forge ahead and find a way forward, we have continued informal consultations with Member States. We remain encouraged by the positive and constructive views which delegations have shared with us, and we reaffirm our commitment to guide the work of Member States on the IGN to the best of our abilities.

At this stage we would like to share the timelines that will guide our future work. As noted in our last communication to Member States in January, we anticipate at least a two days meetings a month between now and June. Accordingly, we have scheduled IGN meetings on 7 and 8 March, 3 and 4 April, 8 and 9 May, and 12 and 13 June. We hope that securing these dates well in advance will help delegations to plan their calendars for those months.

The meeting in March will be devoted to a consideration of the three outstanding issues not covered in the Elements of Convergence paper produced at the 70th session and circulated on 12 July 2016. Those three issues include (i) regional representation; (ii) categories of membership and (iii) question of the veto. We hope that the exchanges will take place in the spirit of the interactive exchange that guided our proceedings during our meeting in February.

Based on the direction and outcome of our meeting in March, we will be better positioned to propose the topics for subsequent meetings from April through June, which will also be announced in advance to afford delegations sufficient time to prepare.

We are grateful that an increasing number of delegations continue to support our ongoing outreach for informal consultations on the way forward, by sharing new ideas and perspectives. We also encourage all interested delegations to have contacts among them in between meetings, in an effort to identify possibilities for bringing positions closer. Our doors remain open to all delegations and groups who wish to engage on any aspects of the IGN issues.

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

H.E. Dr. Ion Jinga
Permanent Representative of Romania
Co-Chair, IGN 71st Session

H.E. Mr. Mohammed Khaled Khiari
Permanent Representative of Tunisia
Co-Chair, IGN 71st Session

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