



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

16 February 2007

Excellency,

Further to my letter of 13 February 2007, regarding the upcoming informal consultations of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and other Matters related to the Security Council, I wish to draw your attention to the attached list of sub-items that Member States may find useful as reference tool during the consultations. A revised calendar of meetings is also enclosed.

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

  
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Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
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**Informal Consultations of the  
Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable  
Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security  
Council and other Matters related to the Security Council**

**List of Sub-items for Reference**

- 1. The size of an enlarged Security Council**
  - a) General principle**
  - b) Specific numbers**
  
- 2. Categories of Security Council membership**
  - a) Enlargement in both permanent and non-permanent**
  - b) Enlargement in non-permanent for the time being**
  - c) Enlargement in non-permanent only**
  
- 3. The question of regional representation**
  - a) The level of representation by regional groups in the Council**
  - b) Permanent and non-permanent seats for particular regions; group of States or particular countries**
  
- 4. The question of the veto**
  - a) The use of veto**
  - b) Transitional arrangement on the use of veto**
  - c) Curtailment/elimination of veto**

- d) **Should veto be extended to new permanent members**
- e) **Number of affirmative votes required in an enlarged Council (with/without new permanent members)**

**5. The working methods of the Security Council and the relationship between the Security Council and the General Assembly**

**I. Working methods**

- a) **Working methods as part of the broader Security Council reform debate**
- b) **Scope of the discussion on the Security Council working methods**
- c) **Improvements on the working methods and transparency of the work of the Security Council**
- d) **Substantive reforms that can be made to the working methods**

**II. Relationship between Security Council and General Assembly**

- a) **Considering the issues that are of interest for both the Security Council and the General Assembly and coordination thereof**

**Calendar of the Informal Consultations Meetings of the  
Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the  
Membership of the Security Council and other Matters related to the Security Council**

<b>OEWG</b>	<b>Tuesday 20 February 2007</b>	<b>Wednesday 21 February 2007</b>	<b>Thursday 22 February 2007</b>	<b>Friday 23 February 2007</b>
<u>Morning</u>  10:00am – 1:00pm		<i>The question of the veto</i> <b>H. E. Mr. Andreas D. Mavroyiannis (Cyprus)</b>  Conference Room 4		<i>The working methods of the Security Council and the relationship between the Security Council and the General Assembly,</i> <b>H. E. Mr. Frank Majoor (Netherlands)</b>  Conference Room 2
<u>Afternoon</u>  3:00pm - 6:00pm	<i>The size of an enlarged Security Council</i> <b>H. E. Mr. Heraldo Muñoz (Chile)</b>  Conference Room 2	<i>The question of regional representation,</i> <b>H.E. Mrs. Mirjana Mladineo (Croatia)</b>  Conference Room4	<i>Categories of membership</i> <b>H. E. Mr. Ali Hachani (Tunisia)</b>  Conference Room 2	