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On 3 and 4 May 2007, we held informal consultations to discuss the Facilitators' Report on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and other Matters related to the Security Council, which I have communicated to you on 20 April 2007. These discussions have generated momentum on this important outstanding reform issue. We need to build upon this positive development if we are going to achieve further substantive progress in our collective efforts to reform the Security Council.

I wish to reaffirm my commitment to lead this process in a result-oriented manner. This is a process over which the entire membership should have collective ownership. I am therefore pleased to inform you of my decision to appoint Their Excellencies Ambassador Heraldo Muñoz, the Permanent Representative of Chile, and Ambassador Christian Wenaweser, the Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein, to conduct consultations with the membership on how to move the reform process forward, in formats they should deem useful. I have asked them to use the Facilitators' Report as the basis for these consultations. I expect them to report back to me on the outcome of these consultations before the end of June 2007.

Moreover, in view of their significant contribution to our deliberations as facilitators on Security Council reform, I have also asked Their Excellencies Ambassador Ali Hachani, the Permanent Representative of Tunisia; Ambassador Andreas D. Mavroyiannis, the Permanent Representative of Cyprus; Ambassador Mirjana Mladineo, the Permanent Representative of Croatia; and, Ambassador Frank Majoor, the Permanent Representative of Netherlands, to continue to advise me on this important matter.

All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations New York We have a collective responsibility to pursue the goal of Security Council reform and I encourage Member States to continue to engage in this process in a constructive and flexible manner with a view to reaching the broadest possible agreement.

I shall personally continue to consult Member States and closely follow further developments on this matter.

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

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