



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

18 October 2010

Excellency,

In my opening statement at the general debate of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly on 23 September 2010, I emphasized the urgent need to reaffirm the central role of the United Nations in global governance. This also requires the continuation of our reform efforts within the Organization.

In the course of the general debate, many States highlighted the importance of UN reform and in particular reforming the Security Council. I was struck by the overwhelming number of calls to move decisively forward on this critical issue.

In this regard, I am pleased to inform Member States that I intend to convene, in accordance with General Assembly decision 64/568 of 13 September 2010, a meeting of the intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform in informal plenary of the General Assembly on Thursday, 21 October 2010, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). I look forward to hearing your views in particular on how to move the process forward.

I also wish to recall in this context my letter of 1 October 2010 and thank His Excellency Mr. Zahir Tanin, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and Vice-President of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly, for accepting to work with me on this important issue.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Deiss', written in a cursive style.

Mr. Joseph Deiss
President of the General Assembly

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