4 June 2015

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to forward to you a letter dated 4 June, from H.E Mr. Courtenay Rattray, Permanent Representative of Jamaica and Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council reform informing of the steps being undertaken after the last interactive dialogue sessions held on 14 and 15 May, 2015.

I encourage you to support the Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations to move the process forward.

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

Sam K. Kutesa

All Permanent Representatives

to the United Nations

New York
4th June, 2015

Excellency,

It is my honour to write to you in my capacity as Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) on Security Council Reform following the productive interactive dialogue sessions held on the 14th and 15th of May. These meetings helped us to gain a fuller understanding of, and additional clarity on, the positions and proposals of Member States. The presentations of Member States and particularly the questions and answers also helped to shed light on specific nuances in positions and points of interconnection between the five key issue areas detailed in General Assembly Decision 62/557.

I take the opportunity to again outline below the steps for the next stage of the process in building a workable negotiation text, as detailed in my closing remarks:

- Identify and seek to merge overlaps in the proposals and positions contained in the Framework Document, as well as sharpen the language where necessary;

- This work will be undertaken through intensive bilateral consultations with Member States throughout the next few weeks;

- The text that is being developed will contain the full spectrum of positions which were submitted to the Framework Document. It will also be made fit for negotiating purposes.

During this time, I actively encourage all Member States to continue to engage with each other as individual delegations, or as groups, to seek convergences in their positions and proposals. In light of our most recent interactive discussions, I would be happy to receive combined language or amendments Member States may wish to make to their own positions.

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Although there are no further meetings of the IGN envisioned during this particular stage of our work, I welcome continued dialogue with any Member State or grouping of States.

I am pleased to note that we have recently received two additional submissions to the Framework Document. In this regard, as our work progresses, Member States or groupings of States that may not yet have done so are still encouraged to submit their positions and proposals for reflection in the text.

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

E. Courtenay Rattray
Ambassador/Permanent Representative
Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform