



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

25 February, 2016

Excellency,

Pursuant to my letter dated 11 February 2016, I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 25 February 2016 from H.E. Ms. Sylvie Lucas, Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform (IGN) concerning the next meeting of the IGN on Wednesday, 9 March 2016.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mogens Lykketoft', written in a cursive style.

Mogens Lykketoft

To all Permanent Representatives  
to the United Nations  
New York



New York, 25 February 2016

Excellency,

I was encouraged by the substantive contributions made by Member States during the meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) on Security Council Reform held on 22 February 2016 on the key issue of the size of an enlarged Security Council and working methods of the Council. We had a constructive discussion which highlighted the main areas of convergence on this key issue. As I indicated at that meeting, I will now be exploring with Member States how best to follow up on the basis of the convergences that have emerged so far between the positions and proposals of Member States, both on the size of an enlarged Security Council and working methods of the Council, and on the relationship between the Council and the General Assembly.

As already announced, the next meeting of the IGN will be held on Wednesday 9 March 2016 at 10am in the Trusteeship Council Chamber on the key issue of the question of the veto. As in our previous meetings, Member States will have the opportunity to inscribe on the list of speakers. Once our list of speakers has been exhausted, there will be the possibility for Member States to make another intervention, if they so wish.

This meeting will be an opportunity for us to consider the question of the veto in two contexts: as it relates to enlargement of the Council, and as it relates to the use of the veto. In this regard, Member States may wish to review the positions and proposals reflected in the text and its annex circulated by the letter of the previous President of the General Assembly dated 31 July 2015 in order to examine to what extent they share the views of other Member States or groups of States.

As has been the case during our two previous meetings, it would also be helpful if Member States could give an indication on the form that their proposals would take, specifying if they would take the form of recommendations to the Council, Charter amendments, or any other form.

Finally, I wish to encourage Member States to continue to reach out to each other in order to bring positions closer together on the question of the veto, as well as on the other key issues. I look forward to hearing from Member States at our next meeting on the results of these efforts.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sylvie Lucas', with a large, sweeping initial 'S'.

Sylvie Lucas  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative  
Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations  
on Security Council Reform

All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the  
United Nations  
New York