



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

I wish to refer to General Assembly decision 74/569 of 31 August 2020, by which the General Assembly reaffirmed its central role concerning the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council.

Member States will recall in this regard that the General Assembly decided to immediately continue intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform in informal plenary of the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session, as mandated by Assembly decisions 62/557 of 15 September 2008, 63/565 B of 14 September 2009, 64/568 of 13 September 2010, 65/554 of 12 September 2011, 66/566 of 13 September 2012, 67/561 of 29 August 2013, 68/557 of 8 September 2014, 69/560 of 14 September 2015, 70/559 of 27 July 2016, 71/553 of 19 July 2017, 72/557 of 29 June 2018 and 73/554 of 25 June 2019, building on the informal meetings held during its seventy-fourth session, as reflected in the letter dated 29 July 2020 from the co-chairs, and on the revised elements of commonality and issues for further consideration, circulated on 7 June 2019, as well as the positions of and proposals made by Member States, reflected in the text and its annex circulated on 31 July 2015, to help inform its future work.

In this regard, I have the honour to inform you that I have appointed H.E. Ms. Joanna Wronecka, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations and H.E. Ms. Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar, as co-chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations this session.

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This early appointment of co-chairs should provide an opportunity for Member States to start consultations on matters related to Security Council reform in a timely manner. In this context, I would like to encourage delegations to explore the possibility for the Intergovernmental Negotiations to start early in 2021 and to increase the number of meetings this session, should this contribute to enhancing the dialogue among Member States.

Within the framework of the World Summit Outcome Document of 2005, I stand ready to provide the Intergovernmental Negotiations sufficient time to enhance the dialogue and to balance the number of meetings that was cut short in the 74<sup>th</sup> Session due to the mitigations measures aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19.

As I have stated previously, it is important to continue to explore ways to conduct all meetings mandated to the General Assembly in person. At the same time, the General Assembly must be able to perform its duties in any given circumstance. I will work with co-chairs and Member States to ensure necessary support to avoid disruptions to this critical work.

To conclude, I would like to thank Ambassadors Wronecka and Al-Thani for having accepted this very important responsibility. Dialogue among Member States is the most effective way to move this process forward. I trust that you will extend your full support and cooperation to the Co-Chairs throughout the negotiation process.

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



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