

Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations in New York

12 March 2024

Excellencies, dear colleagues,

We have the honour of addressing you in our capacity as **Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations** on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security
Council and other matters related to the Council (IGN) during the 78th session of the UN General Assembly.

First, we would like to sincerely thank all delegations for their active involvement during the meetings on 7 and 8 March 2024. A special thanks goes out to the delegation of India for showcasing the G-4 model and engaging with delegations in the structured dialogue.

Continuation of Model Discussion and Discussion of the Five Clusters

The upcoming IGN meetings are scheduled **for 18 and 19 March 2024 from 10.00 a.m.** – **1.00 p.m. and from 3.00** – **6.00 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber**. The Co-Chairs will invite the delegation of Italy, on behalf of the Uniting for Consensus group (UfC), to present their model on Monday, 18 March. The model submitted by the UfC will be presented and discussed during the morning session and possibly the beginning of the afternoon session and will be followed by a closed interactive dialogue without webcast.

On the following day, 19 March, the Co-chairs will reconvene the discussion of the **five clusters**. This discussion will again be held in the format of an open meeting with webcast in the morning and and will be followed by a closed meeting without webcast as soon as the list of speakers in the open meeting is exhausted. In order to structure the discussion around the five clusters, to Co-Chairs pose the following guiding question to delegations, not to limit the discussion in any way: What are the views of delegations regarding the **working methods** of the Security Council, also with a view to the points contained in last year's <u>Revised Co-Chairs Elements Paper</u>, f.ex. the majority required for decision-making in an enlarged Security Council and adapting the working methods of the Council and its subsidiary organs to ensure its transparent, efficient, effective and accountable functioning?

Contribution for the Summit of the Future

The Co-Chairs also have the honour to remind delegations of the **second informal discussion on the contribution** for the Summit of the Future which will be held on **Friday, 22 March 2024**. This meeting will be focused on the input of the IGN Contribution to the Summit of the Future and will be held at the Permanent Mission of Kuwait 321 E 44th St, New York, NY 10017 from 1.15 -2.45p.m. The Co-Chairs have the honour to extend the invitation to the "un-formal" meeting on 22 March 2024 at the Ambassadorial / Chargé d'affaires level in a 1+1 format, meaning that Permanent Representatives or Chargés d'affaires attending the meeting can be accompanied by an expert. We kindly ask that you RSVP by email to ayataqi4@gmail.com and lisbeth.strohmeier@bmeia.gv.at no later than Tuesday, 19 March 2024.

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