



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

11 February 2016

Excellency,

Pursuant to my letter dated 14 December 2015, I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from H.E. Ms. Sylvie Lucas, Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform (IGN) concerning the next meeting of the IGN on Monday, 22 February 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, 11 February 2016

Excellency,

On 3 February 2016, we held a productive meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) on Security Council Reform on the key issue of the relationship between the Council and the General Assembly. In this meeting we saw significant substantive engagement of Member States on identifying areas of convergence between their own positions and proposals and that of other Member States or groups of States. It was good to hear that Member States have begun to build on convergences in their positions in a collaborative way. I encourage further efforts in this regard, and continued dialogue between Member States ahead of our next meeting on the key issue of size of an enlarged Security Council and working methods of the Council which will be held on Monday 22 February 2016, at 10am in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

As was the case on 3 February, Member States will have the opportunity to inscribe on the list of speakers and are encouraged to use their statements to identify convergences in the positions and proposals of Member States on this key issue, to react to the positions and proposals of other Member States, bring forward any new ideas, or report on any outreach they may have been conducting. Once our list of speakers has been exhausted, Member States will also have the possibility to make another intervention, if they so wish.

At our previous meeting, the President of the General Assembly and Member States gave examples of positions and proposals which are reflected in the text and its annex circulated by the letter of the previous President of the General Assembly dated 31 July 2015, on which work is already ongoing in other fora or which have already been implemented. In light of this, ahead of our next meeting, Member States may wish to continue to reflect on how we can better focus our discussions on the core of the work of the IGN, taking into account, in particular, the ongoing work of the Security Council Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions, the Presidential Statement and Notes that have been produced in this context and the regular Council debates on "Implementation of the note by the President of the Security Council (S/2010/507)".

When shaping their remarks, Member States may further wish to consider the appropriate scope of this particular key issue - size of an enlarged Security Council and working methods of the Council - by focusing on the size and working methods of an enlarged Council, rather than the working methods of the Council in general.

Additionally, Member States may also wish to reflect on how their proposals would be translated into practical reform of the Security Council and what form they would take, if they would be formulated as recommendations to the Security Council, Charter amendments, or another form envisioned by Member States.

As previously announced, over the next few months we will aim to cover all five key issues outlined in General Assembly Decision 62/557. Following the meeting on 22 February, our next meetings will be held on:

- 9 March 2016: on the key issue of the question of the veto
- 14 April 2016: on the key issue of regional representation
- 2 May and also if necessary 17 May 2016: on the key issue of categories of membership

I hope our meetings will continue in the same constructive spirit and with the same positive engagement which was evident on 3 February.

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



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

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Permanent Observers to the
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