



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

14 December 2015

Excellency,

Pursuant to my letter dated 23 October 2015, in which I informed Member States of the appointment of H.E. Sylvie Lucas, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg, as Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council reform (IGN), I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from H.E. Ambassador Lucas concerning the resumption of the meetings of the IGN.

I followed with close interest the views expressed at the plenary debate on 30 October 2015. I now look forward to your active participation and cooperation in the proceedings of the Intergovernmental Negotiations during this session.

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

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Mogens Lykketoft

To All Permanent Representatives
to the United Nations
New York



New York, 11 December 2015

Excellency,

On 23 October 2015, the President of the 70th session of the United Nations General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, appointed me as Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council reform (IGN). I am deeply honoured by the trust that President Lykketoft has placed in me. Be assured that I will do my utmost to be worthy of it.

Through conversations with Member States and groups of States since my appointment, I have been hearing a genuine willingness from delegations to use the 70th session to engage in substantive negotiations. I wish to thank Member States for the support they have expressed for our continuing work.

At the plenary meeting of the General Assembly on 30 October 2015, the President of the General Assembly encouraged all of us to continue moving the reform process forward, pursuant to General Assembly Decision 69/560 of 14 September 2015, in particular on the basis of the text and its annex circulated by his predecessor in his letter dated 31 July 2015.

I intend to continue the IGN in the 70th session with this in mind, placing the positions and proposals of Member States in the centre of our discussions. As such, I envision a series of meetings to comprehensively cover the five key issues set out in General Assembly Decision 62/557 of 15 September 2008, using the above-mentioned text and its annex to spark constructive and substantive engagement towards seeking convergences in the positions and proposals of Member States.

I have the pleasure to inform you that the next meeting of the IGN will be held on Wednesday February 3, 2016 at 10am in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The meeting will be focused on the key issue of the relationship between the Council and the General Assembly with the aim of identifying areas of convergence between the positions and proposals of Member States on that particular key issue.

With the same aim in mind, subsequent meetings will focus on the other key issues beginning with the size of an enlarged Security Council and working methods of the Council. Additional meetings of a more informal nature could also be held as a follow up to our discussions as appropriate. As the series of meetings unfolds, we will of course remain mindful of the comprehensive approach outlined in General Assembly Decision 62/557, and the interlinkages between all five key issues.

As we continue our work, I would invite Member States to transmit any updates to the above-mentioned text and its annex, areas of convergence, or any new positions and proposals.

I would like to emphasise that my door always remains open. I strongly encourage Member States and groups of States to be proactive in reaching out to me to discuss any and all issues related to the IGN, while also reaching out to each other in preparation for a substantive and interactive engagement within the framework of the IGN.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sylvie Lucas', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

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