



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

18 January 2018

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 13 December 2017, in which I informed Member States on the resumption of the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) on the question of the equitable representation on and the increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council, I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from the Co-Chairs of the IGN, concerning the date and agenda of the first IGN meeting as well as the timeline of the subsequent meetings.

I look forward to your active participation in the upcoming IGN meetings during this session.

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

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Miroslav Lajčák

To All Permanent Representatives
to the United Nations
New York



17 January 2017

Excellency,

In our capacity as the Co-Chairs of the intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council Reform, we write to inform you of the details of the first meeting to be held in the framework of the intergovernmental negotiations. We wish to update Member States that the meeting has been rescheduled to be held on 1-2 February 2018 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, instead of the 29 – 30 January date previously communicated in our letter dated 11 December 2017.

After having consulted widely with the Member States, the Co-Chairs invite the membership to reflect on the activities of the intergovernmental negotiations, including the documents referred to in the oral decision 71/553 adopted by the General Assembly on July 19, 2017. Such a retrospective exercise will provide the membership with an opportunity to build on the cooperative work of Member States and to highlight both the achievements and ways to further strengthen and develop the intergovernmental negotiations. Member States are encouraged to comment on, and identify any perceived gaps in the previous documents including any potential elements of convergence that have not yet been, or can be further, explored. The Co-Chairs invite the membership to engage in a frank dialogue on the assessment of the intergovernmental negotiations, and to offer feedback and specific proposals on how to move forward on any of the five clusters in the current session. We invite member states to tailor their interventions to be as specific as possible, in order to allow for an interactive exchange of views.

We further wish to take this opportunity to inform you of the dates of upcoming meetings scheduled for the 2018 session of the intergovernmental negotiations:

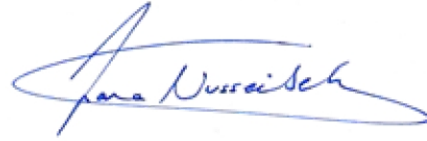
- 27 - 28 February 2018, Conference Room 2;
- 27 - 28 March 2018, Trusteeship Council;
- 1 - 2 May 2018, Trusteeship Council;
- 6 - 7 June 2018, Conference Room 1.

We look forward to the active participation of delegations in the forthcoming meetings of the intergovernmental negotiations. The Co-Chairs remain available for consultations throughout the negotiations.

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

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Kaha Imnadze
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of Georgia

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Lana Zaki Nusseibeh
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of the United Arab Emirates

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