



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

16 February 2018

Excellency,

Following the first meetings 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, held on 1-2 February 2018, I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from the IGN Co-Chairs, H.E. Mr. Kaha Innadze, Permanent Representative of Georgia and H.E. Ms. Lana Zaki Nusseibeh, Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates, regarding the agenda of the second meetings of the IGN, to be held on 27 and 28 February 2018 in Conference Room 2.

I was pleased to observe a high-level participation and commitment by the Member States during the first meetings of the IGN and I look forward to your active participation in the forthcoming meetings.

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

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Miroslav Lajčák

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



15 February 2018

Excellency,

We have the honor of addressing you in our capacity as Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform (IGN). During our first informal meeting on 1-2 February 2018, Member States provided their assessments and analyses of the IGN process, as well as many constructive proposals on the way forward. We wish to express our appreciation for the productive exchange of views and for the positive, constructive engagement on a matter that is clearly a priority topic for all of us.

Our second informal meeting will be held on 27-28 February 2018. Building on the proposals heard in the first meeting and on our regular consultations with you, we propose Member States make concrete suggestions on updating and improving the elements of commonalities, as well as reflect on issues for further consideration in the document produced by the Co-Chairs of the IGN during the 71st session. We ask Member States to provide feedback and specific guidance on how “Elements of Commonality and Issues for Further Consideration” can be taken forward. We propose this be done in a manner that reflects the positions of all Member States, including incorporating additional elements and improving existing points.

Furthermore, we encourage Member States to address and reflect on the interlinkages between all five clusters and on the core principles underlying Security Council reform, with the aim of building on the “Elements of Commonality and Issues for Further Consideration” document.

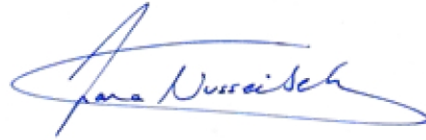
To assist Member States in planning their interventions, we would like to share a provisional workplan for subsequent meetings for Member States’ consideration, as requested. The scheduled meetings on 27-29 March, 1-2 May and 6-7 June will be dedicated to discussing the updated version of the “Elements of Commonality and Issues for Further Consideration” document. Where useful, we will be holding thematic discussions focused on narrowing gaps and finding further commonalities with the aim of enriching the document.

We look forward to continuing our substantive discussions at this next informal meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiations, which will be held on 27-28 February in Conference Room 2. We remain grateful for the continued support from delegations and for the trust you have placed in us to facilitate this process. We encourage delegations to consult with one another to continue to find areas of convergence.

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



Kaha Imnadze
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of Georgia



Lana Zaki Nusseibeh
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of the United Arab Emirates

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