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Excellency,

We wish to refer to a letter dated 21 November 2018 by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés in which she informed Member States of her decision to appoint us as Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform. We would like to express our appreciation to the President of the General Assembly for her trust and confidence to take forward this important process, and are grateful for her readiness to participate in launching the first meeting of this Session. In this regard, in our capacity as Co-Chairs, we write to inform you that we will convene the first meeting in the framework of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on 29-30 January 2019 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Since our appointment, we have had, and continue to have informal consultations with Member States and respective groupings of States, hearing their views on process as well as on substance. Given the membership-driven nature of the process, the Co-Chairs wish to invite Member States during the first meeting to share their views on ways in which our work can be taken forward during the 73rd session, building on the progress achieved so far in the Intergovernmental Negotiations process, as decided by General Assembly decision 72/557 of 29 June 2018. To aid in this, and in line with practices established during the 72nd session, an interactive segment is planned for the 2nd day of our deliberations with guiding questions by the Co-Chairs to be distributed in advance. During our consultations thus far, we have understood that this format enjoyed widespread support and we will therefore intend to continue during this session.

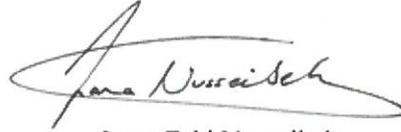
As Co-Chairs, we are committed to steering the Intergovernmental Negotiations during the 73rd session in an open, transparent, and inclusive manner. We look forward to the active and constructive participation of delegations in the forthcoming meetings of the Intergovernmental Negotiations and remain available for consultations throughout the session.

Dates of upcoming meetings of the intergovernmental negotiations for the 73rd Session of the General Assembly will be announced following our first meeting allowing sufficient time for all delegations to plan and consult with their capital, and, importantly, with each other.

Please accept Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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