



7 May 2019

Excellency,

We have the honour of addressing you in our capacity as Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform (IGN).

In fulfilling our mandate set out in General Assembly Decision 72/557, to build on our work in the 72nd Session, we are pleased to transmit the enclosed document entitled 'Revised Elements of Commonality and Issues for Further Consideration'. This document incorporates the positions, proposals, views and exchanges between Member States during the four IGN meetings held so far this session on 29-30 January, 25-26 February, 4-5 April and 1-2 May 2019. Substantive updates have been made to the commonalities and issues for further consideration corresponding to our active discussions on the five clusters and their interlinkages listed by Decision 62/557.

We are also pleased to confirm that the fifth informal meeting of the IGN will be held on 29-30 May in Conference Room 1. As announced, we envision this meeting to be an opportunity to reflect on the progress made and the way forward. With the revised document, Member States can provide comments, feedback and further suggestions including in an interactive format on the second day of discussions. In this respect we would welcome concrete suggestions from Member States for clarification, in particular, on any perceived gaps in how positions are reflected. As the basis of the outcome of this session of the IGN, we want to ensure this document is reflective of the commonalities and the issues for further consideration that Member States identified in the discussions.

We hope that the early circulation of this document will allow ample time for Member States to consult with capitals, with each other and with the Co-Chairs. We remain fully at your disposal for informal consultations this month until our next meeting, but would welcome early feedback from Member States and groups of States.

We look forward to continuing our exchanges as before and thank all delegations for their constructive approach and input.

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

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Enclosure:

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