15 June 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, a letter from H.E. Ambassador Ronaldo Costa Filho, Permanente Representative of Brazil to the United Nations on behalf of the G4 (Brazil, Germany, India, and Japan) regarding agenda item 127 “Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council” dated 14 June 2021.

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

Volkan BOZKIR

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York
New York, 14 June 2021.

H. E. Mr. Volkan Bozkir, President of the General Assembly

H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations

Excellencies,

I have the honor to write to you on behalf of the G4 – Germany, India, Japan and my own country, Brazil – in reference to the letter of the President of the General Assembly dated 11 June 2021, by which he submitted to Member States a draft Oral Decision under agenda item 127 “Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council”.

In this regard, while thankful for the efforts of the President of the General Assembly, we are obliged to note that the draft Oral Decision in question does not address some legitimate concerns in relation to the Intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council Reform (IGN). The draft, as it stands, does not adequately reflect the progress achieved during the five rounds of the IGN held this year under the leadership of the Co-Chairs, H.E. Ms. Joanna Wronecka, Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations, and H. E. Ms. Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar.

In light of this, and in accordance with the provisions of Rule 78 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, we request hereby that the following proposed amendments to the draft Oral Decision circulated on 11 June 2021 be tabled, in the terms indicated below, while further requesting your good offices, respectfully, for promptly bringing this to the attention of all Member States for their due information and kind consideration:

• Include, in the end of paragraph 1, the following: “(...) and the commitment of Heads of State and Government representing the peoples of the world to “instill new life in the discussion of the reform of the Security Council’”’. We believe that the Oral Decision cannot ignore a solemn commitment adopted by Heads of State and Government on the declaration on the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations (A/RES/75/1).
• On paragraph 2, on the eighth line, delete “and” and include “based on”; on the 
tenth line, replace “as well as” by “and informed by”; and, on the twelfth and last line, 
delete the following sentence: “to help to inform its future work”. We believe that the 
progress achieved during this session will only be recognized if the IGN is based, during 
the 76th session, on the “Co-Chair’s Elements Paper on Convergences and Divergences”, 
as well as informed by the so-called “Framework Document” circulated on 31 July 2015. 
This amendment is inspired by the letter of the Co-Chairs dated 12 May 2021, in which 
they underlined: “We are therefore recommending that at this stage our work be rolled 
over to the 76th session of the General Assembly based on the “Co-Chair’s Elements 
Paper on Convergences and Divergences on the question of equitable representation on 
and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters”” (bold 
highlight ours).

For ease of reference, both proposals are reflected in track changes in the 
document attached to this letter.

While appreciating your kind assistance in having this letter circulated as an 
official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 127 “Question of 
equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and 
other matters related to the Security Council”, we avail ourselves of this opportunity to 
renew to Your Excellencies the assurances of our highest esteem and consideration.

Ronaldo Costa Filho  
Permanent Representative of Brazil to the Unites Nations

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H.E. Ms. Joanna Wronecka  
Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations.

H.E. Ms. Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani  
Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations.

H.E. Ms. Tegan Brink  
Chef the Cabinet, President of the 75th session of the General Assembly
Draft oral decision on Security Council Reform.

May I take that the General Assembly,

1. Decides to reaffirm the central role of the General Assembly concerning the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council, and the commitment of Heads of State and Government representing the peoples of the world to “instill new life in the discussion on the reform of the Security Council”;


3. Welcomes the active engagement, initiatives and intensive efforts of the President of the General Assembly, and notes with appreciation the active role and concrete efforts of the Co-Chairs undertaken in a consultative manner with a view to an early comprehensive reform of the Security Council;

4. Decides to convene the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council during the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly, if Member States so decide;

5. Also decides to include in the agenda of the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly the item entitled “Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council.

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