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**H.E. Mr. Abdulla Shahid**

President of the United Nations General Assembly,  
New York

29th November, 2021

Excellency,

The L.69 expresses its appreciation for the early convening of the plenary meeting to consider the 'question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council' as well as the appointment of the Co-Chairs for the timely resumption of the intergovernmental negotiations.

In this regard, we take note of the letter transmitted on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021, which presented the perspective of small island developing states and addressed the need for improved documentation and record-keeping for enhanced efficiency and transparency in the process.

The L.69 is a diverse pro-reform group of developing countries, many of which are also small island developing states. In pursuit of the full and effective engagement of small delegations, we therefore offer our support to the signatories of the letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.

We believe that it is through the equal participation of all member states that we will achieve our stated goal of meaningful progress in the intergovernmental negotiation process and contribute to the creation of a more efficient, effective and accountable Security Council. It is our hope that careful consideration will be given to the requests made by delegations.

The L.69 will work constructively with you, Mr. President, and the esteemed Co-Chairs and looks forward to a productive period during the 76th Session.

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

Sincerely,

**H. E. Ambassador Inga Rhonda King**

Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines  
to the United Nations

*Enclosure: Nov 10th Letter*



**His Excellency Ambassador Abdulla Shahid**  
President of the United Nations General Assembly  
New York, USA

**10 November, 2021**

Excellency,

Please accept my congratulations on the assumption of your duties as President of the General Assembly. I look forward to working constructively with you and your team as we address the important issue of Security Council reform.

As many Member States expressed during the 75th UNGA General Debate, we are now at a critical crossroads in the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) on Security Council reform. It is therefore crucial that we build upon the progress achieved so far, and ensure that this process does not stall further.

Excellency, we have taken note of your stated intention that this process be taken seriously and for there to be real progress. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on behalf of the group of Small Island Developing States listed below, therefore puts forward the request for the working methods of the IGN meetings to be improved by way of documentation of proceedings.

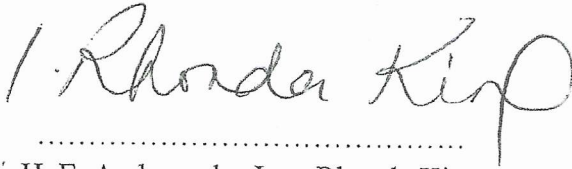
The absence of records and documentation in the IGN has been a significant impediment to the full and effective engagement of small delegations, such as ours, in the IGN. This has been made worse in the wake of the pandemic, when smaller delegations, including Small Island Developing States are contending with competing challenges and capacity limitations. As recognized by former Secretary General, the late Kofi Anan, the contributions of small States are “the very glue of progressive international cooperation for the common good.” Our role in the IGN is no different.

Following the proceedings, keeping track of evolving positions, and making meaningful contributions to the discussions can be more difficult for all States, but especially for smaller States. The integrity and credibility of the IGN depends, in large part, on it being seen as a forum that facilitates the equal participation of all. We see the introduction of record-keeping and documentation in the IGN as a critical step to improving its efficiency, transparency, and inclusiveness.

This is a request that also falls in line with record-keeping and documentation provided in other General Assembly fora that address such long-running and complex issues.

We look forward to this IGN Session being a productive one and ask for your kind consideration in addressing this request.

Please accept the assurance of our highest esteem and consideration.



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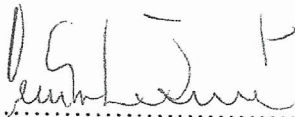
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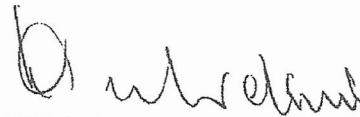
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