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Excellency,

We wish to refer to the letter dated 18 October 2022 from the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Csaba Kőrösi, in which he informed Member States of his decision to appoint us as Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform (IGN). We take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation to the President of the General Assembly for the trust and confidence he has placed in us to facilitate this important process. We would also like to express our profound gratitude to Member States for their expressions of support towards us as we take on this task during the General Assembly debate on 17 and 18 November 2022 on “Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council”.

In our capacity as Co-Chairs, we would like to inform you that we have attentively listened to the positions of Member States and Groups of States during the aforementioned General Assembly debate, and have also conducted several informal meetings with interested Member States and Groups of States. These informal meetings will continue in the near future. We recognize the general agreement among the United Nations membership on the need for and importance of Security Council reform, as reflected in many of the statements of the Heads of State and Government during the General Debate of the High-Level week of the 77th Session of the General Assembly in September 2022. We also recall oral decision 76/572 of 12 July 2022, in which the General Assembly decided to continue the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council reform in informal plenary of the General Assembly at its seventy-seventh session, mandated by Assembly decisions 62/557 of 15 September 2008, 63/565 B of 14 September 2009, 64/568 of 13 September 2010, 65/554 of 12 September 2011, 66/566 of 13 September 2012, 67/561 of 29 August 2013, 68/557 of 8 September 2014, 69/560 of 14 September 2015, 70/559 of 27 July 2016, 71/553 of 19 July 2017, 72/557 of 29 June 2018, 73/554 of 25 June 2019, 74/569 of 31 August 2020 and 75/569 of 22 June 2021, building on the informal meetings held during its seventy-sixth session as reflected in the letter dated 16 May 2022 from the Co-Chairs, and on the document entitled “Co-Chairs’ Revised 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” circulated on 19 May 2022, as well as the positions of and proposals made by Member States reflected in the text and its annex circulated on 31

July 2015, to help to inform its future work. Furthermore, in the Declaration on the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, our Heads of State and Government reiterated a call for reforms of the three principal organs of the United Nations and committed to instill new life in the discussions on the reform of the Security Council.

Thus, we are pleased to inform you that **the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiations will convene at 10:00 am on 26 and 27 January 2023 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.**

To ensure the continuity of our work, building on the progress achieved so far, and in line with General Assembly decision 62/557, we invite the membership during the upcoming first meeting to reflect and share their views on two matters: the IGN process and the cluster: “Regional Representation”.

On the IGN process, we ask delegations to express how they see the process during this current and future sessions, including with regards to its current format and procedural matters; on how a renewed momentum can be given to the IGN, especially in light of current geopolitical developments, in view of the United Nations Secretary-General’s report entitled “Our Common Agenda”, in which the Secretary-General takes note of the renewed urgency to continuing the intergovernmental negotiations, and in the context of the UN75 Political Declaration.

In addition to discussing the issue of the IGN process, we also propose to start our deliberations on the substance. With a starting point in the “Co-Chairs’ Revised 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” circulated on 16 May 2022, we invite delegations to clarify their positions on the cluster of “Regional Representation”, and reflect on the interlinkages with the remaining clusters. We encourage delegations to focus their interventions particularly on, but not limited to, the following aspects:

- a) Questions pertaining to cross-regional representation in an enlarged Security Council, especially for small states, Small Island Developing States and Arab States;
- b) African representation in a reformed Security Council as reflected in the Ezulwini Consensus and the Sirte Declaration;
- c) Further clarification on the concepts of “equitable geographical distribution” and “regional representation”.

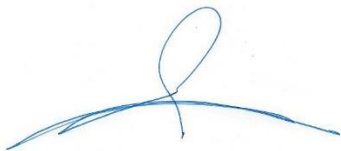
Leading up to the meeting, we urge Member States and Groups of States to engage among themselves towards further narrowing their differences. We will dedicate the first part to statements from delegations based on the formal list of speakers. After this, we will facilitate an interactive discussion and exchange of views, where we invite delegations to react to each other's interventions.

We also wish to note that further information, including a timeline of the upcoming meetings with dates will be shared with delegations following the first meeting.

We would like to reaffirm our availability for consultations throughout the process ahead of us in order to ensure its transparency, inclusivity and member-driven nature. We look forward to the active participation and constructive engagement of all delegations both in the forthcoming meeting and during the entire session of the intergovernmental negotiations.

Furthermore, we also encourage delegations to email their statements to the experts of Kuwait and Slovakia at f.hajji@mofa.gov.kw and robert.chatrnuch@mzv.sk.

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



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