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Excellencies, dear colleagues,

With reference to the letter dated 30 January 2023 from the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Csaba Kőrösi, we have the honor of addressing you in our capacity as **Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations** on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other related matters to the Security Council (**IGN**). At the first meeting, held on 26 – 27 January 2023, Member States and Groups of States provided valuable and constructive feedback on the IGN process as a whole and addressed the cluster of regional representation. We are deeply grateful for the active participation of Member States and Groups of States, the concrete proposals received as well as the commitment to achieving progress in the IGN with goodwill and a spirit of compromise. We heard from many delegations the **renewed need of urgency** regarding Security Council reform and would like to reassure delegations that we take these calls seriously and approach this task with the utmost sense of responsibility.

In this sense, we propose a **timeline for the upcoming IGN meetings** following careful consideration of the ideas and concerns put forth during the first meeting, and with the aim of balancing the stated interests and expectations of parties. We are hopeful that the calendar outlined in this letter will allow for the necessary time to listen to and understand one another's positions, in order to broaden our areas of convergence and narrow the areas of divergences, while also leaving room for further negotiations to advance this process. We hope that the "**Areas of Particular Focus**" we have suggested next to each topic/cluster of discussion will allow for a more in-depth and frank exchange of ideas during the meeting, and clarify further the positions of Member States and Groups of States regarding the said topic/cluster. These should not in any way be understood as limiting the discussion or excluding elements from the discussions of topics/cluster.

**The upcoming IGN calendar of meetings is as follows:**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Topic/Cluster</b>	<b>Areas of Particular Focus (non-exhaustive)</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> IGN Meeting	16 – 17 February 2023	10:00am – 1:00pm 3:00pm – 6:00pm	Trusteeship Council	Question of the Veto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Impact of the veto on the work and effectiveness of an enlarged Council</li> <li>- Limitations on the use of the veto and the various initiatives in this regard.</li> <li>- Views on Article 27.3 of the UN Charter in regards to the voting, specifically the stipulation that “a party to a dispute shall abstain from voting”.</li> <li>- Extension of the veto to new members in case of enlargement in the permanent category.</li> </ul>
3 <sup>rd</sup> IGN Meeting	9 – 10 March 2023	10:00am – 1:00pm 3:00pm – 6:00pm	Trusteeship Council	Size of an enlarged Security Council and working methods of the Council, and the relationship between the Security Council and the General Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Optimal size of an enlarged Security Council.</li> <li>- Ensuring the efficiency of the work of the Council with an increase in its size.</li> <li>- Balancing the matter of size vis-à-vis regional representation.</li> <li>- Ensuring accountability and transparency of the Council’s work.</li> <li>- Council cooperation and coordination with concerned countries and regional organizations.</li> <li>- Pen-holdership.</li> <li>- Mandates of the Council and the GA relating to intl. peace and security.</li> </ul>
4 <sup>th</sup> IGN Meeting	3 – 4 April 2023	10:00am – 1:00pm 3:00pm – 6:00pm	Trusteeship Council	Categories of Membership + Status of the IGN documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expansion in Permanent / Non-permanent categories.</li> <li>- Views on establishing a third category – one that allows for longer term memberships for non-elected members.</li> <li>- Views on Framework document of 2015 and Co-Chairs’ Revised Elements Paper.</li> </ul>
5 <sup>th</sup> IGN Meeting	4 – 5 May 2023	10:00am – 1:00pm 3:00pm – 6:00pm	CR2	Way forward for the IGN process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Possible outcome of the IGN during the 77<sup>th</sup> Session.</li> <li>- Way forward for the IGN process (78<sup>th</sup> session and onwards).</li> </ul>

As was the case in the first meeting held on 26 and 27 January, the first day of the upcoming meetings will be dedicated to **statements by Member States and Groups of States**. Once the list of speakers is exhausted, the second day will see an **interactive discussion** on the topic/cluster, and allow for Member States and Groups of States to respond to views and proposals put forth during the meeting.

The Co-Chairs reserve the possibility of scheduling further meetings of the IGN as needed.

We would like to also inform you that we intend to convene several rounds of **informal-informal meetings (unformals)** in the near future, in order to allow for frank exchange between Member States and move forward on this process. The dates of these informal-informal meetings will be communicated to Member States along with further details as soon as possible.

Once again, we would like to reaffirm our availability to all delegations and stakeholders for consultations throughout the process in order to **ensure its transparency, inclusivity and member-driven nature**. We look forward to the active participation and constructive engagement of all delegations - in the forthcoming meetings, in the informal-informals and in bilateral exchanges.

Furthermore, we also encourage delegations to **e-mail their statements** to the experts of Kuwait and Austria at [f.hajji@mofa.gov.kw](mailto:f.hajji@mofa.gov.kw) and [raphael.ruppacher@bmeia.gv.at](mailto:raphael.ruppacher@bmeia.gv.at).

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



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