

22 June 2023

Excellency,

On 5 June 2023, I transmitted a letter dated 2 June 2023 from H.E. Mr. Tareq M. A. M. Albanai, Permanent Representative of the State of Kuwait and H.E. Mr. Alexander Marschik, Permanent Representative of Austria, Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) on the Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and matters related to the Security Council, in which the Co-Chairs recommend that the work of the IGN be rolled over to the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly.

I sincerely commend the Co-Chairs, Ambassador Albanai and Ambassador Marschik, for their steadfast commitment to lead the IGN process during the seventy-seventh session with diligence, determination and an innovative approach. I would also like to convey my gratitude to all delegations for their active and constructive engagement throughout this session. These joint efforts made possible agreement on a number of small steps toward increased transparency and inclusivity of this process.

I hope that the good experiences of the IGN this session will be carried forward to the seventy-eighth session. In this spirit, I urge Member States to continue to support the innovative practices that have been implemented during this session to help build further confidence in the process.

All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations New York Following informal consultations with Member States and groups of States, I have the honour to enclose herewith a draft oral decision that I intend to present for adoption at the plenary meeting of the General Assembly on Thursday, 29 June 2023 at 3.00 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall under agenda item 125 'Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council'.

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

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