



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

7 May 2015

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to forward to you a letter dated 7 May 2015 from H.E. Mr. Courtenay Rattray, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations and Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council reform, providing details on the format of the forthcoming meetings scheduled for 14 - 15 May 2015.

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

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**All Permanent Representatives
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New York**



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Excellency,

It is my honour to write to you in my capacity as Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform, regarding the meetings of the IGN scheduled for the 14th and 15th of May. The purpose of these meetings will be for Member States to fully explore and gain greater clarity on their respective positions and proposals as contained within the completed Framework Document.

As I have previously emphasised, these discussions will not be adversarial in nature, nor are they meant to contrast positions or to pit one proposal against another. On the contrary, their purpose is to provide us with an opportunity to identify areas of complementarity and commonality within the various positions and proposals. These interactive and informal discussions will also assist Member States to gain a deeper understanding of the nuances within positions. Both Member States and the Framework Document will benefit from this kind of process.

The meetings will be structured in the following format:

- Time will be allotted for States, or groupings of States, to present from their seats a brief overview of their positions as they appear in the Framework Document;
- Following each presentation, Member States will be provided with an opportunity to pose questions for the purpose of clarifying aspects related to the proposal that has been presented;
- These questions can be answered by any member of a presenting group or delegation, as they see fit.

Once we have heard from all those delegations who wish to present their proposals, I will open the floor to any further questions or requests for clarification on the remaining positions and proposals from the Framework Document that were not presented.

Please note that in view of the interactive nature of these meetings there will be no speakers list. As such, prepared statements will not be necessary.

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These two initial meetings will help us to gauge the level of discussion needed to comprehensively consider the positions submitted within the Framework Document. If necessary, further meetings will be scheduled on the following Monday, the 18th of May and during the final week of May.

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

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E. Courtenay Rattray
Ambassador/Permanent Representative
Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations
on Security Council Reform