

**Intervention by Ambassador Peter Burian, Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the United Nations in his capacity as Chairman of the Security Council Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions to the informal plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and other Matters related to the Security Council
New York – May 3, 2007**

Madam President,

I will speak in my capacity as Chairman of the Security Council Informal Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions. I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Working Group:

With the global security challenges and threats becoming more complex, the Security Council, in accordance with its mandate under the UN Charter, plays an increasingly important role in addressing numerous issues of international peace and security. So as to carry out its tasks successfully, the Security Council should further enhance its effectiveness. In line with the relevant provisions of the 2005 World Summit Outcome Document, the Council should continue to increase the transparency of its work (para 154 of SoD). It should also continue to increase interaction with other UN bodies and regional organisations.

In order to better address these needs, in 2006, the Security Council, inter alia, intensified the efforts of its Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions and decided that the Working Group would be chaired by a single ambassador for a period of twelve months. Ambassador Kenzo Oshima of Japan served as Chairman of the Working Group for the year 2006.

As a result of intensive work and consultations among members of the Working Group, on July 19, 2006, the Security Council issued the Note by its President (document S/2006/507), which covers a number of important aspects of the Council's work in the area of documentation and other procedural questions. As stipulated in Paragraph 1 of the Note, (I quote) "In the efforts to enhance the efficiency and transparency of the Council's work, as well as interaction and dialogue with non-Council members, the members of the Security Council are committed to implementing the measures described in the annex to the note." (end of quote) In a number of its paragraphs, the Note addresses the relationship, interactions and dialogue between the Security Council and other UN Member States.

Madam President,

Since July 2006 serious efforts have been made to ensure thorough implementation of the Note. This year, under the Slovakian Chairmanship, the Working Group will continue exploring ways and means to facilitate a better and wider implementation of the Note. There are roles for each individual member of the Security Council, for its President, for the Working Group itself, as well as for the UN Secretariat. After a series of informal consultations among the members of the Security Council, the Working Group held its first

meeting this year on April 24. A useful and constructive discussion took place. It was agreed that the Working Group will continue assessing ways how to draw the attention of all Security Council members to specific provisions of the Note and to the need of their implementation. The chairman intends to convene regular meetings of the Working Group in the upcoming weeks and months.

Further to advancing implementation of the Note, the Working Group has also agreed in the next couple of weeks and months to tackle several practical documentation and procedural issues that have lately arisen in the Council's work or that have been proposed by members of the Council. Also, the Working Group is committed to continue studying possible additional areas that could deserve its attention or which the Security Council could benefit from addressing in its everyday work.

Madam President,

As the work and discussions in the Working Group progress this year, I stand ready to share with you further details about its work and results achieved.

Thank you, Madam President.