

16 May 2022

Excellency,

We have the honour of addressing you in our capacity as Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform (IGN). We have the honour to refer to our letter dated 29 April 2022 in which we shared for your consideration 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”. We also wish to refer to the fifth IGN meeting held on 12 May 2022, which presented an opportunity to hear Member States’ and Groups of States’ reactions to the aforementioned Paper.

As indicated in the above-mentioned letter, the Revised Elements Paper reflects the Co-Chairs’ understanding of the current state of the IGN discussions on the five clusters and their linkages, as well as other issues raised by delegations, including procedural matters. Building on the more streamlined format of the document started by the IGN Co-Chairs of the 75th session, the updates made to this year’s Elements Paper are focused on further expanding the areas of convergence and narrowing down the areas of divergence. Following the last IGN meeting on 12 May, which provided an opportunity to reflect on the progress made and the way forward, we have paid close attention and given due consideration to the comments and suggestions expressed and submitted by Member States’ and Groups of States. On this basis, we are pleased to transmit the enclosed second update to the Co-Chairs’ Elements Paper, which seeks to incorporate and reflect the constructive feedback provided to us by Member States.

Building on the progress achieved thus far, and continuing the practice of narrowing down the divergences and increasing the areas of convergence, it is our belief that the Co-Chairs’ Elements Paper of the 76th session serves as a useful basis for taking the IGN process forward in the 77th session of the General Assembly (GA). We trust that this paper will help keep the process on track towards a comprehensive reform of the Security Council.

We encourage Member States to continue moving the process forward in the next session of the GA by identifying further convergences and moving closer to a common understanding of the principles of Security Council reform, as reflected in the document attached. Thus, we recommend that our work

is acceptable to all.

We are honoured to have been appointed by the President of the General Assembly to facilitate the IGN during the 76th session. We wish to extend our profound appreciation to all delegations for their active engagement and constructive approach in the process during this session, and for the trust and confidence they have placed in us throughout this year's IGN process.

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

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Attached: