

6 August, 2014

Excellency,

Following the informal meetings held during the current round of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on the Question of Equitable Representation on and the increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council, and as the conclusion of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly approaches, I have the honour to enclose herewith, for the consideration of Member States, a draft oral decision on the reform of the Security Council, which would enable the continuation of the Intergovernmental Negotiations in the next session of the General Assembly.

The date and time of a plenary meeting of the General Assembly for the adoption of the oral decision will be announced in due time.

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

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DRAFT ORAL DECISION ON SECURITY COUNCIL REFORM

May I take it that the General Assembly decides,

- a) To reaffirm the central role 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;
- To immediately continue the intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform in informal plenary of the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session, as mandated by the General Assembly decisions 62/557 of 15 September 2008, 63/565 B of 14 September 2009, 64/568 of 13 September 2010, 65/554 of 12 September 2011, 66/566 of 13 September 2012 and 67/561 of 29 August 2013, building on the informal meetings held during its sixty-eighth session, as well as the positions of and proposals made by Member States, while welcoming the active engagement, initiatives and intensive efforts of the President of the General Assembly, and taking note of the previous proposals of the Chair of the intergovernmental negotiations, and noting with appreciation his active role and concrete efforts, including the preparation of the text reflecting the positions of and proposals submitted by Member States, with a view to an early comprehensive reform of the Security Council;
- c) To convene the Open Ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council during the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly if Member States so decide;
- d) To include in the Agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly an item entitled "Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council".