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Excellency,

Following the first exchange of the eighth round of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council reform on the 29th of November 2011, I am pleased to provide further guidance to Member States in the spirit of General Assembly decision 62/557.

I thank you for the thoughts expressed at our first exchange, which made it clear that all the Member State initiatives on the agenda then deserve a more in-depth discussion and evaluation. Therefore, in accordance with the membership-driven nature of the process, in the remainder of the eighth round I will dedicate a separate exchange to each one of these five Member State initiatives. Honouring the openness, transparency, inclusiveness and comprehensiveness of our membership-driven negotiation process, we will discuss the initiatives in the order in which I received them, as circulated in my letter dated 9 September 2011.

At the outset of each meeting, the authors of the particular initiative under discussion will be given an opportunity to introduce their proposals and indicate how the initiative could be further operationalized, in order to continue to move the process forward towards decisive progress. Afterwards, the rest of the membership will be invited to weigh in on the merits of the initiative and to indicate whether they support it. I trust that Member States will uphold decision 62/557 and consider each initiative in light of all the five key issues as well as their interconnectedness. I also trust that during the remainder of the eighth round Member States will do justice to the results-oriented nature of landmark decision 62/557 by evaluating each initiative and possible combinations of initiatives and of other Member States' positions against the criteria established in that decision, particularly the need to find a solution that can garner the widest possible political acceptance by Member States.

The dates and discussion topics for the informal plenaries during the remainder of the 8th round of Intergovernmental Negotiations will be as follows:

January (week 4): 6 September letter from the Permanent Representatives of Brazil, Germany, India and Japan

February (week 3): 6 September letter from the Permanent Representative of Italy as the "Uniting for Consensus" Focal Point

March (week 2): 6 September letter from Permanent Representatives of India and Jamaica on behalf of the L69 group.



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April (week 1): 6 September letter from Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone on behalf of the Committee of Ten African Permanent Representatives (C-10).

April (week 4): 6 September letter from Permanent Representatives of Costa Rica, Jordan, Liechtenstein, Singapore and Switzerland, the Small Five (S-5) group.

For your reference, please find herewith attached the abovementioned letters.

In addition to the Member State initiatives, the first exchange of the eighth round confirmed a continued interest by the membership in further developing Rev3, in order to fully unlock its potential for the Intergovernmental Negotiation process. Parallel to the abovementioned meetings, I will therefore continue to work on Rev3 based on your feedback through consultations and the Intergovernmental Negotiation process. Our on-going discussions will inform the way forward for further improvement of the text.

It is my firm belief that this plan of work, which is in strict conformity with decision 62/557 and which has deep roots in Member State proposals, could pave the way towards the concreteness, clarity, creativity and closure that we need in order to do the job entrusted to us. As your Chair, I remain impartial to any position, but partial to progress.

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


Zahir Tanin

Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the United Nations

Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on the question of equitable representation and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council