

6 September 2011

Excellency,

We would like to commend you on your efforts to achieve progress on the United Nations Security Council reform in the process of the intergovernmental negotiations during the 65th session of the General Assembly. The reform of the Security Council is an urgent task for which every Member State has to make its utmost effort, and we reiterate our commitment to continue active interactions with other Member States in the coming session of the General Assembly.

In response to your letter dated 18 August 2011, in which you invited to send documents outlining the initiatives undertaken by Member States on Security Council reform and their results, we have the honor to attach the letter dated 23 June 2011 signed by Permanent Representatives of Brazil, Germany, India and Japan.

As stated in the attached letter, our initiative has garnered cross-regional support, which demonstrates that a wide coalition of Member States supports expansion of the Security Council in both the permanent and non-permanent categories and improvement of its working methods. We believe that such strong support for our initiative should be considered as the basis for further discussion in the ongoing intergovernmental negotiations.

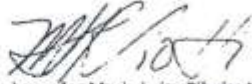
We look forward to our continued participation in the intergovernmental negotiations, which we expect should be resumed as early as October 2011.

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

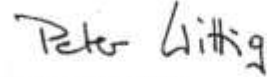
H.E. Ambassador Zahir Tanin
Chair of the intergovernmental negotiations
on the question of equitable representation on
and increase in the membership of the Security Council
and other matters related to the Security Council

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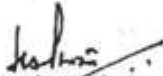
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