



Permanent Mission of the  
State of Kuwait to the United Nations  
New York

 Permanent Mission  
of Austria to the  
United Nations in New York

30 November 2023

Excellency,

We have the honour to address you in our capacity as **Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations** on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other related matters to the Security Council (**IGN**) during the 78<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly.

Kindly find attached a copy of a letter dated 30 November 2023 received by the Co-Chairs from the Permanent Mission of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on behalf of the L.69-Group, submitting the L.69 model for consideration by the IGN. Upon the request of the L.69, the attached document will be **posted on the IGN website** which acts as a repository of the IGN process.

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

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**To: All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations, New York**



**PERMANENT MISSION OF ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

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The Permanent Mission of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Nations in its capacity as Chair and Spokesperson of the L.69 Group presents its compliments to the Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) of the 78<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly, and has the honour to share the attached framework document which outlines the L.69 model as reflected via the position inputs.

In this connection, the Mission is requesting the kind assistance of the offices of the Co-chairs in posting the document to the website and the repository and circulate to member states.

The Permanent Mission of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Nations avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) of the 78<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly, the assurances of their highest consideration.

**New York, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023**



## L.69 Group Inputs on Framework Document ( inputs of the L.69 Group are in red below)

Issues of categories of membership; the question of the veto; regional representation; size of an enlarged Security Council and working methods of the Council; and the relationship between the Council and the General Assembly.

### a) Categories of membership:

- Permanent members - a total of 11 seats

- The Republic of China (People's Republic of China), France, The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (The Russian Federation), The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, The United States of America.
- (2 from Africa) (2 from Asia) (1 from GRULAC) (1 from WEOG)
- [In the event of possible expansion, description of an election process for new seats..]:

Upon adoption of the framework resolution on UNSC reforms by the General Assembly, member states desiring to assume permanent membership shall submit their candidatures in writing to the President of the General Assembly. The General Assembly will then proceed, at a date to be determined by the PGA, for the election of new permanent members of the Security Council, by a vote of two thirds of the members of the General Assembly through a secret ballot. As per established practice, the rules of procedure of the General Assembly will be applied to the election of the new permanent members.

- While electing new permanent members, the General Assembly would also consider the criteria of Article 23 (I) to the election of the new permanent members: "*due regard shall be paid, in the first instance to their contributions to the maintenance of international peace and security and to the other purposes of the Organization, and also to equitable geographical distribution*".

- Non-permanent members with a two-year term - a total of 16

- The election process for non-permanent two-year term seats will remain unchanged.

b)Regional representation:

That additional seats be elected by the General Assembly as follows:

- (a) Two permanent seats and two non-permanent seats for African States;
- (b) Two permanent seats and one non-permanent seat for Asia-Pacific States;
- (c) One non-permanent seat for Eastern European States;
- (d) One permanent seat and one non-permanent seat for Latin American and Caribbean States;
- (e) One permanent seat for Western European and other States;
- (f) One non-permanent seat for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) across all regions

*Regional groups shall coordinate to ensure that there is regular representation for small developing states in the non-permanent category,*

c) (i) The size of an enlarged Security Council- a total of 27 seats

(ii) Working methods of the Council:

- The affirmative vote of 15 out of 27 members of the Security Council will be required for a decision.
- To make meetings of the Council transparent and inclusive, the existing practice to hold closed meetings with no records will be abolished, and access will be given to non-members to the Council's documentation and records.
- The Council will amend its procedures so that items do not remain on its agenda permanently/beyond (x)years.
- Articles 31 and 32 of the Charter must be fully implemented by consulting with member states which are not members of the Security Council on a regular basis, especially members with special interest in the substantive matter under consideration by the Council.
- Non-members should be given systematic access to subsidiary bodies of the UNSC, including the right to participate in debates.
- There should be full and complete participation by elected members in penholding resolutions.
- Consultation with and participation of Troop and Police Contributing Countries in decision making concerning peacekeeping operations must be made mandatory (as laid down in Article 44) and these discussions should be comprehensive covering the

establishment, conduct, review and termination of peacekeeping operations, including the extension and change of mandates, as well as for specific operational issues.

- Countries having specific interest in particular agenda item must be invited to participate in consultations before an outcome document on that item is adopted.

- The Council should focus its time and efforts on dealing with issues concerning its primary responsibility of maintaining international peace and security as mandated by the UN Charter, rather than encroaching upon the mandate of the General Assembly

- Before mandating measures under Chapter VII of the Charter, the Council should ensure that all efforts for the pacific settlement of disputes through measures under Chapter VI have been exhausted. In this regard, the Council must improve its cooperation with regional organisations, particularly the African Union. Such cooperation must be serious and include providing assistance for AU's capacity building as per their requirement.

- The Security Council should ensure that non-permanent members of the Security Council hold the Presidency of the Council at least once during their tenure.

d) The question of the veto:

- The veto should be abolished. So long as it exists, it should be extended to all new members of the permanent category of the Security Council, who must enjoy all the prerogatives and privileges of permanent membership in the permanent category including the right of the veto.

e) Relationship between the Council and the General Assembly:

- The expanded Security Council would be encouraged to, inter alia, hold regular consultations with the General Assembly under its President;
- The Council should submit an analytical, substantive and comprehensive evaluation of the Council's work in its annual report to the General Assembly;
- The Council should submit special reports more frequently to the General Assembly in accordance with Article 24 (3) of the Charter

f) Any other related matters:

**Amendments**

Following the elections of the new permanent members, to accordingly amend the Charter of the UN no later than twelve weeks from the adoption of the framework resolution on UNSC reforms,

#### Review

To provide for a review of the implementation of this Resolution.

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\* *"The L.69 Group welcomes the appreciation of the C.10 towards the L.69 submission and in this regard, the L.69 Group reaffirms its support and alignment with the Common African Position."*