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New York

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United Nations in New York

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Excellencies, dear colleagues,

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.

After listening to the feedback in the fifth informal discussion held on Wednesday, 12 June 2024, please find attached a third revision (Rev3) of the IGN contribution to the Pact of the Future prepared by the IGN Co-Chairs.

The IGN meetings scheduled for **20 and 21 June, from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 to 6.00 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall** will give delegations the opportunity to give their reactions on the latest version of the text. Given the advanced stage we are in, we request delegations to give comments on the text as a whole and not each Action separately. Delegations are invited to inscribe on the speakers list via e-deleGATE for an open meeting with webcast, which will be followed by a closed interactive dialogue on the SoTF input once the speakers list is exhausted.

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**

**Enclosure: SofF Input Rev3**

## **5. Transforming global governance**

**Action 1: We will reform the UN Security Council, recognizing the urgent need to make it more representative, inclusive, transparent, efficient, effective, democratic and accountable.**

1. In response to the growing urgency to increase the effectiveness of the United Nations' abilities to maintain international peace and security as set out in the UN Charter, and taking into account our commitments of Agenda 2030, we agree to the following guiding principles identified in 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 Council (IGN) in accordance with decision 62/557 of the General Assembly as parameters for reform:
  - (a) Redress the historical injustice against Africa as a priority and, while treating Africa as a special case, improve the representation of the underrepresented and unrepresented regions and groups.
  - (b) Enlarge the Security Council in order to be more representative of the current membership and reflective of the realities of the contemporary world and increase representation of developing countries and small- and medium-sized states, such as Small Island Developing States (SIDS), Arab States and other cross-regional groups.
  - (c) Reach an agreement on the question of categories of membership based on the options outlined in the documents of the IGN, with the understanding that an expansion of 2-year term non-permanent seats will be part of a comprehensive reform.
  - (d) The total number of an enlarged Council should ensure a balance between the representativeness and effectiveness of an enlarged Council.
  - (e) The working methods should ensure the inclusive, transparent, efficient, effective, democratic and accountable functioning of an enlarged Council.
  - (f) The question of the veto is a key element of Security Council reform. We will intensify our efforts to reach an agreement on the future of the veto, including discussions on limiting its scope and use.
  - (g) As part of a comprehensive reform, the inclusion of a review clause should be considered to ensure that the Security Council continues over time to deliver on its mandate and remains fit for purpose.

**Action 2: We will strengthen our efforts in the framework of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform**

2. We support the Member States driven nature of the reform, while relying on the efficient and effective provision of resources from the UN system to the IGN process. Building on the recent progress achieved in the IGN, including through more transparency and inclusivity and by enhancing its institutional memory, we agree to:
  - (a) Encourage the submission of further models and the revision of already presented models by States and Groups of States for the structured dialogues with a view of developing a consolidated model in the future based on models presented by Member States and the discussions on the five clusters.

**Action 3: We will strengthen the response of the Security Council for the maintenance of international peace and security and strengthen its relationship with the General Assembly**

3. We commit to continuing to improve and democratize the working methods of the Security Council and strengthening its relationship with the General Assembly, in accordance with and with full respect for their respective functions, authority, powers, and competencies as enshrined in the Charter, with the understanding that this should not substitute the reform of the UN Security Council outlined in Action 1. We agree to:
  - (a) Fully implement and adhere to all provisions of the United Nations Charter as they relate to the decision-making process in the UN Security Council, including Art. 27 (3) of the UN Charter.
  - (b) Support credible, timely and decisive action by the Security Council to prevent or end the commission of genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes.
  - (c) Actively reinforce the ongoing efforts of the Security Council to review and enhance its working methods, including inter alia, penholding and co-penholding arrangements, and strengthen the cooperation and communication between the Security Council and the General Assembly and its subsidiary bodies, including the Peacebuilding Commission, as well as the Economic and Social Council, including by

continuing to fully implement and make use of General Assembly Resolutions 377A(V) ("Uniting for Peace") and 76/262 ("Veto Initiative").

- (d) Improve the participation in and access to the work of the Security Council and its subsidiary organs for all members of the General Assembly, to enhance the Council's accountability to the membership and increase the transparency of its work.