



Permanent Mission of the
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New York

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of Austria to the
United Nations in New York

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Excellencies, dear colleagues,

We have the honour of addressing 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 matters related to the Council (IGN) during the 78th session of the UN General Assembly.

First, permit us to express our **sincere gratitude to all delegations** for the active participation in the first **model discussion** on 22 and 23 January 2024 and for the constructive comments and questions. We particularly thank the delegations of Mexico and Liechtenstein for the presentations of their models and engaging in this structured dialogue with delegations.

Continuation of the model discussion

We will continue the model discussion at the next meeting of the IGN scheduled for **15 and 16 February 2024 from 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. and from 3.00 – 6.00 p.m. in Conference Room 4**. At this meeting, the Co-Chairs will invite the following delegations to present their models: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on behalf of the [L.69 group](#) as well as the [Group of Four \(G4\)](#). The L.69 model will be discussed during the morning of 15 February, the G4 model in the afternoon meeting of 15 February. On the second day, 16 February, the two models will be discussed in a **single closed interactive dialogue** without webcast, in which delegations will be invited to reflect on these two models and the relationship with other models, including those already presented at the first model discussion, and to put forward ideas for bridging differences between models and moving the discussion in the IGN forward in the five cluster areas.

Contribution to the Summit of the Future

The **Summit of the Future** scheduled to take place in September 2024 will be an inflection point for the process of Security Council reform and delegations have expressed a clear will that the reform of the Council will remain a priority for the Summit of the Future. In addition, the UN Secretary-General recommended to Member States in his policy brief on the

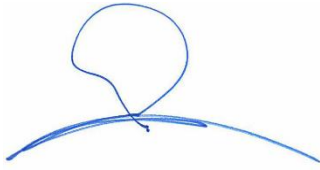
[New Agenda for Peace](#) to “*make urgent progress in the intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform to make this body more just an representative*”.

In the presentation of their zero-draft for the Pact for the Future, the Co-Facilitators of the Summit of the Future process expressed the commitment to achieving an ambitious outcome on Security Council reform in the Pact for the Future. As delegations will have seen, the Co-Facilitators circulated the zero draft with a **placeholder on Security Council reform** until the discussions on the contribution of the IGN to this chapter of the Pact for the Future are concluded. The Co-Facilitators have expressed the expectation that the language for the placeholder be delivered in June 2024.

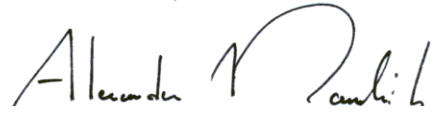
Therefore, and as previously announced, the Co-Chairs have the honour to invite **Permanent Representatives / Chargés d’Affaires** to a first informal discussion on the contribution of the IGN to the Pact for the Future on **Monday, 12 February 2024 at 1.15-2.45 p.m.** at the Permanent Mission of Kuwait 321 E 44th St, New York, NY 10017. This meeting will serve as a first brainstorming meeting on the contribution of the IGN to the Pact for the Future. Participants will be invited to reflect on their expectations and proposals with a view to the **scope and content of the IGN contribution**, including questions relating to the future of the reform process, the parameters of the reform itself and questions relating to the Security Council that can be addressed without a change of the Charter, keeping in mind that the contribution should be aimed at being ambitious and a considerable next step in achieving a reform of the Security Council.

The Co-Chairs have the honour to extend the invitation to the “un-formal” meeting on 12 February at the **Ambassadorial / Chargé d’affaires level in a 1+1 format**, meaning that Permanent Representatives or Chargés d’affaires attending the meeting can be accompanied by an expert. We kindly ask that you RSVP by email to ayataqi4@gmail.com and lisbeth.strohmeier@bmeia.gv.at no later than **Thursday, 8 February 2024**.

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



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