



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

12 January 2017

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 26 October 2016, in which I informed Member States of the appointment of H.E. Mr. Ion Jinga, Permanent Representative of Romania and H.E. Mr. Mohamed Khaled Khiari, Permanent Representative of Tunisia, as Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council reform (IGN), I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from the Co-Chairs concerning the resumption of the meetings of the IGN.

I listened with keen interest to all the views expressed on this issue during the plenary debate of the General Assembly held on 7 November 2016, and I look forward to your active participation in the upcoming IGN meetings during this session.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson'.

Peter Thomson

To All Permanent Representatives
to the United Nations
New York



PERMANENT MISSION OF ROMANIA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

PERMANENT MISSION OF TUNISIA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS



9 January 2017

Excellency,

Since our appointment on 26 October 2016 as Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council reform (IGN) by the President of the 71st session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, we have been consulting informally with Member States, and we are encouraged by the constructive spirit shared by so many delegations about the prospects of the IGN going forward.

We are honoured to have been entrusted with the task of guiding this critical process during the 71st session and pledge to carry out the associated functions to our utmost abilities. We are determined to spare no efforts to advance the process.

As you know, Member States had agreed, by General Assembly decision 70/559 of 27 July 2016, to continue intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform in informal plenary of the Assembly during this session. It is our intention to guide the IGN during the 71st session in light of that decision, ensuring that it will remain a Member States-driven process based on forward-looking substantive and interactive engagements and exchanges on the key issues involved.

In this regard, we anticipate a number of meetings in the course of the session. The first two will take place on 6th and 7th February 2017, respectively, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, at 10:00 am. Delegations will be invited to offer general comments on how they see the IGN process moving forward, including on the five key clusters, namely (i) categories of membership, (ii) the question of the veto, (iii) regional representation, (iv) size of an enlarged Council and working methods, and (v) relationship between the Council and the General Assembly. Based on these exchanges, we will announce subsequent meetings in advance to ensure sufficient time for Member States to prepare.

To ensure maximum substantive interaction among all participants during the forthcoming IGN, we also encourage active outreach, consultations and exchanges among Member States in advance of our meetings.

We are grateful to all delegations who have shared their thoughts with us and who have expressed such encouraging support for the task entrusted to us in guiding this forthcoming IGN. We will like to assure all Member States that we remain at their disposal. Please do not hesitate to contact us anytime to discuss any aspect of the IGN that is of interest or concern to you.

In the meantime, we take this opportunity to wish you and your families a prosperous new year.

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

H.E. Dr. Ion Jinga
Permanent Representative of Romania
Co-Chair, IGN 71st Session

H.E. Mr. Mohammed Khaled Khiari
Permanent Representative of Tunisia
Co-Chair, IGN 71st Session.

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