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Comparison of the Draft Input, Rev.1, Rev.2, and Rev.3



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ABOUT: The Permanent Representatives of Austria and Kuwait to the United Nations in New York have been the 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 78th session of the General Assembly.

The input of the IGN has been submitted to the Co-Facilitators of the Summit of the Future (Germany and Namibia) for inclusion in ‘Chapter V: Transforming global governance’ of the Pact for the Future.

Based on the negotiations, the Co-Facilitators of the IGN process have circulated four revised versions of the language on Security Council Reform to be included in the Pact for the Future. The final input that has been sent to the Co-Facilitators of the Summit of the Future is based on an understanding that it enjoys the widest possible political acceptance among IGN delegations. The current text is based on extensive consultations and in the Co-facilitators’ view, the best compromise achievable, striking a fair balance between the various positions expressed in the framework of the IGN.

METHODOLOGY: This Bulletin endeavours to provide an overview and comparison of how the initial draft of the IGN input (1 May, 2024) has evolved over time to form the latest version (as of 3 July, 2024). The key terminology, language, and paragraphs that were removed, modified, maintained, or added will be identified.

The structure of Rev.1, 2 and 3 are similar with 3 Actions items followed by operative paragraphs. The Zero Draft has a different structure. To provide a comprehensive analysis of the IGN inputs, Rev.1, 2 and 3 will be directly compared and comments on how this has changed from the Zero Draft will be provided. All direct quotes and language from the texts have been italicised. Other comments have been made by the lead author of this bulletin.

RESOURCES:

- Intergovernmental Negotiations (Security Council Reform) [Draft Input](#)
- Intergovernmental Negotiations (Security Council Reform) [Rev.1](#)
- Intergovernmental Negotiations (Security Council Reform) [Rev.2](#)
- Intergovernmental Negotiations (Security Council Reform) [Rev.3](#)
- All relevant information, documents, and statements on the [intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform](#) (IGN).
- [Zero Draft](#) of the Pact for the Future
- [Rev.1](#) of the Pact for the Future

HEADLINES:

- Delegations raised the point that the language contained in the IGN input to the Pact for the Future should be more concise and adapted to the purposes of a high-level document. Some delegations mentioned that the language should be “leader-like”. Others stressed the need for clear, operative and ambitious results.
- Rev.3 (the latest iteration) of the IGN input is split into three core action items:
 1. 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.
 2. Action 2: We will strengthen our efforts in the framework of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform as a matter of priority and without delay.
 3. 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.

HEADLINES:

- The principles of making the Security Council more “representative, inclusive, transparent, efficient, effective, democratic and accountable” have remained in Rev.2 and Rev.3. However, similar to the changes from Rev.2 to Rev.3, the language has become stronger and more action-oriented in Rev.3.
- References to “introducing a repository of the IGN with a dedicated website” and the appeal for Security Council Reform of 2005 as seen in the Draft Input have been removed in Rev.3.
- The substance of the language on the historical injustice against Africa has remained consistent from the Zero Draft with minor tweaks in language. References to SDG 16.8 in Rev.3 are based on paragraph 1 of Rev.2, paragraph 2 of Rev.1, and paragraph 2 of the Draft Input.
- The addition of Arab States is based on paragraph 1 (a) of Rev.2. Reference to the Arab States did not feature in the Draft Input or Rev.1.
- Reference to the OIC (Organisation of Islamic Cooperation) did not feature in any of the previous drafts and is a new addition to Rev.3. In Rev.3, the language has changed to “*Continue our discussions on the issue of representation*” signalling that delegations require further deliberations on this.
- Language on the reform including, but not confined to, an “expansion of 2-year term non-permanent seats” has remained consistent since the Draft Input. Reference to the range of the number of seats (21 to 27 seats) as referenced in paragraph 3 (d) of the Draft Input featured in Rev.1 (paragraph 1 bullet point 4) and Rev.2 (paragraph 1 (d) but has been removed only from Rev.3.
- The language on the question of the veto has remained relatively consistent since the Draft Input.

- The language on limiting the veto’s “scope and use” has altered and did not feature in Rev.2. It has, however, been re-inserted into Rev.3.
- The language on the “inclusion of a review clause” has remained consistent since the Draft Input. Reference to “in accordance with General Assembly Decision 62/557” has remained consistent from the Draft Input to Rev.3. The addition of “and other relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly, such as resolution 53/30” in Rev.3 is new and did not feature in any previous texts.
- The language of Action 3 in Rev.3 has shifted from a focus on strengthening “the response of the United Nations system” to a focus on strengthening the Security Council’s response for “the maintenance of international peace and security” and “its relationship with the General Assembly”.
- The latter half of paragraph 3 (bullet point 2) of Rev.1 on adopting a “General Assembly resolution clarifying the interpretation of the term “party to a dispute” in Art. 27 (3) of the UN Charter in order to ensure the full implementation of this provision” has been removed from Rev.3. This language also featured in paragraph 6 (b) of the Draft Input.
- The language of paragraph 3 (b) of Rev.3 is of a different meaning to that of Rev.1 and the Draft Input. Rev.1 and the Draft Input call on Member States to “Consider committing to not vote against a credible draft resolution before the Security Council” and to commit to “not prevent the Security Council from taking action with the aim of preventing or bringing an end to situations involving the commission of mass atrocities by the use of the veto”. Language on not voting against resolutions and mass atrocities have been removed from Rev.2 and Rev.3.
- While language on “more significant contributions from elected members such as serving as penholder” did feature in the Draft Input, the language on reviewing and enhancing the Security Council’s working methods including “penholding and co-penholding arrangements” in Rev.3 is new and did not feature in previous texts.
- Language on “General Assembly Resolutions 377A(V) (“Uniting for Peace”) and 76/262 (“Veto Initiative”)” is verbatim from the latter part of paragraphs 3 (d) in Rev.2 and paragraph 3 (bullet point 4) of Rev.1.

General references / language that were found in the Draft Input, Rev.1, and/or Rev.2 that have been removed in Rev.3 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). Note that this is not an exhaustive list:

- Recalling our appeal for Security Council Reform of 2005
- Webcasting of parts of the IGN sessions
- Introducing a repository of the IGN with a dedicated website
- Overall range of 21-27 seats

- Note 507
- Increasing the frequency and improving the conduct of Security Council missions
- Fully making use of the different meeting formats available
- Committing to not vote against a credible draft resolution before the Security Council
- Permanent Members committing to not prevent the Security Council from taking action
- Situations involving the commission of mass atrocities by the use of the veto
- Request the President of the General Assembly to appoint Co-Chairs for the Intergovernmental Negotiations in order to immediately continue negotiations
- Call on Member States to provide the President of the General Assembly with the necessary resources to support the process of Security Council reform and in this regard consider the establishment of a dedicated unit in the Office of the President of the General Assembly for the Security Council reform process
- Request the Secretary General to ensure the provision of the necessary expertise, especially through the Office of Legal Affairs, the Security Council Affairs Division and the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) as appropriate and as requested by the Co-Chairs and OPGA.
- Adopt a resolution clarifying the interpretation of the term “party to a dispute” in Art. 27 (3) of the UN Charter in order to ensure the full implementation of this provision
- Examine the establishment of a mechanism that ensures automatic consequences in the case of grave violations of the UN Charter.

COMPARISON:

Rev.3	Comparison with Rev.2, Rev.1, and the Draft Input
<p><i>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.</i></p>	<p><u>Comparison Overview</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The principles of making the Security Council more “<i>representative, inclusive, transparent, efficient, effective, democratic and accountable</i>” have remained in Rev.2 and Rev.3. • However, similar to the changes from Rev.2 to Rev.3, the language has become stronger and more action-oriented in Rev.3. • Notably, this shift has gone from recognising and committing in Rev.2 to a firm “We will reform the UN Security Council” in Rev.3. • The phrase “<i>early reform</i>” in Rev.1 has been removed.

	<p><u>Rev.2</u></p> <p><i>Action 1: We recognize the need for an urgent reform of the UN Security Council and commit to making the Council more representative and ensuring its inclusive, transparent, efficient, effective, democratic and accountable functioning</i></p> <p><u>Rev.1</u></p> <p><i>Action 1: We commit to an early reform of the Security Council to make it more representative, inclusive, transparent, efficient, effective, democratic and accountable</i></p> <p><u>Draft Input</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The language on the need to reform the Security Council and to make it more representative, inclusive, transparent, efficient, effective, democratic and accountable was in paragraph 3 (a) and (b) of the Draft. Paragraph 3 (a) of the Draft input read: <p><i>3. We acknowledge the convergences identified within the IGN as the foundation for reform, including inter alia that:</i></p> <p><i>a. the reform should aim at making the Security Council more inclusive, transparent, efficient, effective, democratic and accountable;</i></p>
<p>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, 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</p>	<p><u>Comparison Overview</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph 1 in Rev.3 has been strengthened contextually by adding reference to the mandate of the intergovernmental negotiations which is “<i>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</i>”. • References to Sustainable Development Goal 16.8 have been shifted to paragraph 1 (b) of Rev.3. • Paragraph 2 of the Draft Input contains language reflected in paragraph 1 of Rev.3. Similar to Rev.1 and Rev.2.

decision 62/557 of the General Assembly as parameters for reform:

- Other references have been shifted to separate paragraphs and Action items in Rev.3, including on SDG 16.8, institutional memory, and structured dialogues.
- References to “*introducing a repository of the IGN with a dedicated website*” and the appeal for Security Council Reform of 2005 as seen in the Draft Input have been removed in Rev.3.

Rev.2

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 Sustainable Development Goal 16.8., we agree to the following guiding principles identified in the Intergovernmental Negotiations process as parameters for reform:

Rev.1

1.

Building on our appeal for Security Council Reform of 2005 and 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, we agree on the following convergences identified in the Intergovernmental Negotiations process as parameters for reform:

Draft Input

2.

We commit to accelerating Security Council reform, in line with SDG 16.8, through 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 and support the Member States driven nature of the Security Council reform. We welcome the recent progress achieved in the framework of the IGN, including through more transparency and inclusivity and by enhancing its institutional memory, particularly by the webcasting of parts of the IGN sessions and introducing a repository of the IGN with a dedicated website. We also welcome the structured dialogue on specific models which helped create a more concrete exchange of ideas, enhance the understanding of different positions, and increase convergences among Member States.

<p>1 (a) <i>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.</i></p>	<p><u>Comparison Overview</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The substance of the language on the historical injustice against Africa has remained consistent from the Zero Draft with minor tweaks in language. • Paragraph 1 (a) of Rev.3 is based on paragraphs 1 (b) of Rev.2, 1 (a) of Rev.1, and 3 (b) of the Draft Input. <p><u>Rev.2</u></p> <p>1 (b) <i>The enlargement will redress the historical injustice against Africa as a priority and, while treating Africa as a special case, serve to improve the representation of the underrepresented and unrepresented regions and groups.</i></p> <p><u>Rev.1</u></p> <p>1 (a) <i>The enlargement will redress the historical injustice against Africa as a priority and, while treating Africa as a special case, serve to improve the representation of the underrepresented and unrepresented regions and groups,</i></p> <p><u>Draft Input</u></p> <p>3 (b) <i>the Security Council needs to be enlarged in order to be more representative of the current membership and reflective of the realities of the contemporary world and the enlargement should serve to improve the representation of the underrepresented and unrepresented regions and groups, redress the historical injustice against Africa and increase representation of developing countries and small- and medium-sized states, including Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and others;</i></p>
<p>1 (b) <i>Enlarge the Security Council in order to be more representative of the current membership and reflective of</i></p>	<p><u>Comparison Overview</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • References to SDG 16.8 in Rev.3 are based on paragraph 1 of Rev.2, paragraph 2 of Rev.1, and paragraph 2 of the Draft Input.

<p><i>the realities of the contemporary world and, taking into account our commitments of Sustainable Development Goal 16.8, increase representation of developing countries and small- and medium-sized states.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The language on representation reflective of the realities of the contemporary world and on increasing representation of developing countries and small- and medium-sized states have remained consistent with Rev.2, Rev.1, and the Draft Input. <p><u>Rev.2</u></p> <p>1 (a) <i>The Security Council will be enlarged 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 others.</i></p> <p><u>Rev.1</u></p> <p>1 (bullet point 1) <i>The Security Council will be enlarged 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, including Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and others.</i></p> <p><u>Draft Input</u></p> <p>3 (b) <i>the Security Council needs to be enlarged in order to be more representative of the current membership and reflective of the realities of the contemporary world and the enlargement should serve to improve the representation of the underrepresented and unrepresented regions and groups, redress the historical injustice against Africa and increase representation of developing countries and small- and medium-sized states, including Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and others;</i></p>
<p>1 (c) <i>Continue our discussions on the issue of representation of cross-regional groups, taking into account that Small Island Developing States, Arab States, and others, such as the OIC,</i></p>	<p><u>Comparison Overview</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The addition of Arab States is based on paragraph 1 (a) of Rev.2. Reference to the Arab States did not feature in the Draft Input or Rev.1. • Reference to the OIC (Organisation of Islamic Cooperation) did not feature in any of the previous drafts and is a new addition to Rev.3.

have been mentioned in the discussions of the IGN.

- Reference to increasing the representation of SIDS has remained consistent throughout from the Draft Input to the Rev. 3.
- The language of representation of cross-regional groups, Small Island Developing States, Arab States, and others, such as the OIC, has shifted from the Draft Input.
 - The language in previous revisions has been stronger with language to “*increase representation*” of these groups.
 - In Rev.3, the language has changed to “*Continue our discussions on the issue of representation*” signalling that delegations require further deliberations on this.

Rev.2

1 (a)

The Security Council will be enlarged 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 others.

Rev.1

3 (b)

the Security Council needs to be enlarged in order to be more representative of the current membership and reflective of the realities of the contemporary world and the enlargement should serve to improve the representation of the underrepresented and unrepresented regions and groups, redress the historical injustice against Africa and increase representation of developing countries and small- and medium-sized states, including Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and others;

Draft Input

3 (b)

the Security Council needs to be enlarged in order to be more representative of the current membership and reflective of the realities of the contemporary world and the enlargement should serve to improve the representation of the underrepresented and unrepresented regions and groups, redress the historical injustice against Africa and increase representation of developing countries and small- and medium-sized states, including Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and others;

1 (d)

Intensify our efforts to find an agreement on the question of categories of membership taking into account the discussions held in the IGN process. The reform will include, but not be confined to, an expansion of 2-year term non-permanent seats as part of a comprehensive Security Council reform.

Comparison Overview

- Language on the reform including, but not confined to, an “*expansion of 2-year term non-permanent seats as part of a comprehensive Security Council reform*” has remained consistent since the Draft Input.
- The language on the question of “*categories of membership*” in Rev.3 is similar to the language of Rev.2 and the Draft Input as it points to the need for delegations to continue discussions in order to find an agreement. This language did not feature in Rev.1.
- Reference to the range of the number of seats as referenced in paragraph 3 (d) of the Draft Input featured in
 - Rev.1 (paragraph 1 bullet point 4)
 - Rev.2 (paragraph 1 (d))
 - But has been removed from Rev.3.

Rev.2

1 (c)

The reform will include, but not be limited to, an expansion of 2-year term non-permanent seats as part of a comprehensive Security Council reform. We will intensify our efforts to find an agreement on the question of categories of membership on the basis of the different options proposed as reflected in the relevant documents of the IGN.

Rev.1

1 (bullet point 3)

The reform will include, but not be limited to, an expansion of 2-year term non-permanent members as part of a comprehensive Security Council reform.

Draft Input

3 (c)

the reform should include an expansion of the category of 2-year term non-permanent members as part of a comprehensive Security Council reform;

3 (d)

	<p><i>an enlarged Security Council should consist of a total number of members in the mid- 20s, within an overall range of 21-27 seats, with the exact number to emerge from the discussion of Member States on the key issues of "categories of membership" and "regional representation", and with the total size ensuring a balance between the representativeness and effectiveness of an enlarged Council;</i></p>
<p>1 (e) <i>The total number of members of an enlarged Council should ensure a balance between its representativeness and effectiveness.</i></p> <p>1 (f) <i>The working methods should ensure the inclusive, transparent, efficient, effective, democratic and accountable functioning of an enlarged Council.</i></p>	<p><u>Comparison Overview</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reference to the range of the number of seats as referenced in paragraph 3 (d) of the Draft Input featured in Rev.1 (paragraph 1 bullet point 4) and Rev.2 (paragraph 1 (d) but has been removed from Rev.3. • Language on the working methods has evolved from the Draft Input. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Draft Input contained a listing on addressing the working methods with a view to increase the “<i>transparency, effectiveness, functionality, and accountability of an enlarged Council</i>”. ○ Rev.1 repeated this listing verbatim. ○ Rev.2 added the term “<i>democratic</i>” to the listing. ○ This language is verbatim in Rev.3. • The operative language of Rev.3 has shifted. Rev.3 states the working methods “<i>should ensure</i>” rather than the language of “<i>with a view to</i>” in the Draft Input, Rev.1, and Rev.2. <p><u>Rev.2</u></p> <p>1 (d) <i>The enlarged Security Council should consist of a total number of 21 to 27 seats, ensuring a balance between the representativeness and effectiveness of an enlarged Council.</i></p> <p>1 (e) <i>The working methods will be addressed with a view to ensuring the inclusive, transparent, efficient, effective, democratic and accountable functioning of an enlarged Council.</i></p> <p><u>Rev.1</u></p> <p>1 (bullet point 4) <i>The enlarged Security Council will consist of a total number of 21 to 27 seats.</i></p>

	<p>1 (bullet point 5) <i>The working methods will be addressed with a view to increasing the transparency, effectiveness, functionality, and accountability of an enlarged Council.</i></p> <p><u>Draft Input</u></p> <p>3 (d) <i>an enlarged Security Council should consist of a total number of members in the mid- 20s, within an overall range of 21-27 seats, with the exact number to emerge from the discussion of Member States on the key issues of "categories of membership" and "regional representation", and with the total size ensuring a balance between the representativeness and effectiveness of an enlarged Council;</i></p> <p>3 (e) <i>working methods will need to be addressed as a result of expansion, with a view to increasing the transparency, effectiveness, functionality, and accountability of an enlarged Council;</i></p>
<p>1 (g) <i>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.</i></p>	<p><u>Comparison Overview</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The language on the question of the veto has remained relatively consistent since the Draft Input. • The language on limiting the veto’s “<i>scope and use</i>” has altered and did not feature in Rev.2. It has, however, been re-inserted into Rev.3. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The language in the Zero Draft and Rev.1 states that there are a “<i>growing number of Member States</i>” who “<i>support limitations to the scope and use of the veto</i>”. ○ This language has been altered in Rev.3 to remove reference to the “<i>growing number of Member States</i>” while retaining reference to further discussions on the future of the veto and reaching agreement on “<i>limiting its scope and use</i>”. <p><u>Rev.2</u></p> <p>1 (f)</p>

	<p><i>The question of the veto is a key element of Security Council reform. We will intensify our efforts to reach an agreement on the options for the future of the veto currently being discussed.</i></p> <p><u>Rev.1</u></p> <p>1 (bullet point 6) <i>The question of the veto will be a key element of Security Council reform and since a significant, growing number of Member States support limitations to the scope and use of the veto, this issue will be addressed in the context of the reform.</i></p> <p><u>Draft Input</u></p> <p>3 (f) <i>the question of the veto is a key element of Security Council reform and a significant, growing number of Member States support limitations to the scope and use of the veto;</i></p>
<p>1 (h) <i>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.</i></p>	<p><u>Comparison Overview</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The language on the “inclusion of a review clause” has remained consistent since the Draft Input. • One of the only aspects which has changed is the shift in language that a review clause: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “could be considered” in the Draft Input ○ to “will be considered” in Rev.1 and Rev.1 ○ to “should be considered” in Rev.3. <p><u>Rev.2</u></p> <p>1 (g) <i>As part of a comprehensive reform, the inclusion of a review clause will be considered to ensure that the Security Council continues over time to deliver on its mandate and remains fit for purpose.</i></p> <p><u>Rev.1</u></p> <p>1 (bullet point 7)</p>

	<p><i>As part of a comprehensive reform, the inclusion of a review clause will be considered to ensure that the Security Council continues over time to deliver on its mandate and remains fit for purpose.</i></p> <p><u>Draft Input</u></p> <p>3 (g) <i>as part of a comprehensive reform of the Security Council, the inclusion of a review clause could be considered so as to ensure that the Security Council continues over time to deliver on its mandate and remains fit for purpose.</i></p>
<p><i>Action 2: We will strengthen our efforts in the framework of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform as a matter of priority and without delay.</i></p>	<p><u>Comparison Overview</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Draft Input did not feature Action items as clearly as Rev.1, Rev.2 and Rev.3 do. • The sentiment of working on strengthening and accelerating efforts in the frameworks of the Intergovernmental Negotiations has remained consistent since Rev.1. • The language seen in Rev.3 has shifted to a more action-oriented formulation with the use of “<i>We will strengthen our efforts</i>” and with the addition of “<i>as a matter of priority and without delay</i>” at the end of Action 2. <p><u>Rev.2</u></p> <p><i>Action 2: We are committed to strengthening our efforts in the framework of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform</i></p> <p><u>Rev.1</u></p> <p><i>Action 2: We commit to accelerating our efforts in the framework of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform</i></p> <p><u>Draft Input</u></p> <p>5. <i>Resolutely determined to move forward the efforts for achieving a comprehensive reform of the Security Council, we:</i></p>

2. We support the Member States driven nature of the reform of the Security Council, and we will intensify our efforts for the reform through the IGN in accordance with General Assembly Decision 62/557 and other relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly, such as resolution 53/30. 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 to developing a consolidated model in the future based on convergences on the five clusters and the models presented by Member States.

Comparison Overview

- Support for the “*Member States driven nature*” of Security Council reform has remained consistent from the Draft Input to Rev.3.
- Reference to “*in accordance with General Assembly Decision 62/557*” has remained consistent from the Draft Input to Rev.3. The addition of “*and other relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly, such as resolution 53/30*” in Rev.3 is new and did not feature in any previous texts.
- Language on “*Building on the recent progress achieved in the IGN*” is verbatim from Rev.2 and the general sentiment of this has remained consistent from the Draft Input.
- Language on “*more transparency and inclusivity and by enhancing its institutional memory*” has remained consistent from the Draft Input to Rev.3.
- The language of paragraph 2 (a) of Rev.3 has remained consistent from Rev.1 and Rev.2. The reference to requesting the “*IGN Co-Chairs*” to work towards a consolidated model has been removed in Rev.3. Rather, the language has shifted to refer to the IGN process and delegations as a whole to work towards developing a “*consolidated model in the future based on convergences on the five clusters and the models presented by Member States.*”

Rev.2

2. We commit to strengthening our efforts for the reform of the Security Council, through 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 and support the Member States driven nature of the reform. 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 and request the IGN Co-Chairs to work towards developing a consolidated model based on models presented by Member States and the discussions on the five clusters as a foundation for further deliberations.

Rev.1

	<p><i>2. In line with Sustainable Development Goal 16.8, we commit to strengthening our efforts for the reform of the Security Council, through 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 and support the Member States driven nature of the reform. We welcome the recent progress achieved in the IGN, including through more transparency and inclusivity and by enhancing its institutional memory, particularly by the webcasting of IGN sessions, introducing a repository with a dedicated website and holding a structured dialogue on specific models of Security Council reform, which helped increase convergences among Member States. We will take the following actions to build on this recent progress:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• Request the IGN Co-Chairs to work towards elaborating a consolidated model based on the models presented by Member States as a basis for further discussions;</i> <p><u>Draft Input</u></p> <p><i>2. We commit to accelerating Security Council reform, in line with SDG 16.8, through 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 and support the Member States driven nature of the Security Council reform. We welcome the recent progress achieved in the framework of the IGN, including through more transparency and inclusivity and by enhancing its institutional memory, particularly by the webcasting of parts of the IGN sessions and introducing a repository of the IGN with a dedicated website. We also welcome the structured dialogue on specific models which helped create a more concrete exchange of ideas, enhance the understanding of different positions, and increase convergences among Member States.</i></p>
<p><i>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.</i></p>	<p><u>Comparison Overview</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The language of Action 3 in Rev.3 has shifted from a focus on strengthening “<i>the response of the United Nations system</i>” to a focus on strengthening the Security Council’s response for “<i>the maintenance of international peace and security</i>” and “<i>its relationship with the General Assembly</i>”. • The language on strengthening “<i>its relationship with the General Assembly</i>” is featured in all iterations of the previous texts.

	<p><u>Rev.2</u></p> <p><i>Action 3: We will strengthen the response of the United Nations system for the maintenance of international peace and security</i></p> <p><u>Rev.1</u></p> <p><i>Action 3: We will strengthen the response of the United Nations system for the maintenance of international peace and security</i></p> <p><u>Draft Input</u></p> <p><i>6. Until the reform of the Security Council enters into force and in order to ensure an effective response from the United Nations system for the maintenance of international peace and security, we commit to strengthening the General Assembly, fully cognizant that the relationship between the Security Council and the General Assembly are mutually reinforcing and complementary, in accordance with and with full respect for their respective functions, authority, powers, and competencies as enshrined in the Charter, including in respect to matters related to international peace and security. Specifically, we encourage the General Assembly to:</i></p>
<p><i>3. In order to ensure an effective response from the United Nations system for the maintenance of international peace and security, 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. We agree to:</i></p>	<p><u>Comparison Overview</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph 3 of Rev.3 is verbatim paragraph 3 of Rev.2 and has taken elements from Rev.1. • The language in the Draft Input and Rev.1 on “<i>Until the reform of the Security Council enters into force and in order to ensure an effective response from the United Nations system for the maintenance of international peace and security</i>” has been removed in Rev.3. • The language in the Draft Input on “<i>fully cognizant that the relationship between the Security Council and the General Assembly are mutually reinforcing and complementary</i>” has been removed in Rev.3. • In Rev.2 and Rev.3, there has been the addition of the term “<i>democratize</i>” after “<i>improve</i>” in relation to the working methods of the Security Council. <p><u>Rev.2</u></p>

	<p><i>3. In order to ensure an effective response from the United Nations system for the maintenance of international peace and security, 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. We agree to:</i></p> <p><u>Rev.1</u></p> <p><i>3. Until the reform of the Security Council enters into force and in order to ensure an effective response from the United Nations system for the maintenance of international peace and security, we commit to pursuing incremental improvements in the working methods of the Security Council and strengthening the General Assembly, in accordance with and with full respect for their respective functions, authority, powers, and competencies as enshrined in the Charter, including in respect to matters related to international peace and security. We will take the following actions:</i></p> <p><u>Draft Input</u></p> <p><i>6. Until the reform of the Security Council enters into force and in order to ensure an effective response from the United Nations system for the maintenance of international peace and security, we commit to strengthening the General Assembly, fully cognizant that the relationship between the Security Council and the General Assembly are mutually reinforcing and complementary, in accordance with and with full respect for their respective functions, authority, powers, and competencies as enshrined in the Charter, including in respect to matters related to international peace and security. Specifically, we encourage the General Assembly to:</i></p>
<p>3 (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.</p>	<p><u>Comparison Overview</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph 3 (a) of Rev.3 is verbatim from paragraphs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4 (b) of the Draft Input ○ 3 (b) of Rev.2 ○ The first half of paragraph 3 (bullet point 2) of Rev.1 • The latter half of paragraph 3 (bullet point 2) of Rev.1 on adopting a “General Assembly resolution clarifying the interpretation of the term “party to a dispute” in Art. 27 (3) of

	<p><i>the UN Charter in order to ensure the full implementation of this provision” has been removed from Rev.3. This language also featured in paragraph 6 (b) of the Draf Input.</i></p> <p><u>Rev.2</u></p> <p>3 (b) <i>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.</i></p> <p><u>Rev.1</u></p> <p>3 (bullet point 2) <i>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 and adopt a General Assembly resolution clarifying the interpretation of the term “party to a dispute” in Art. 27 (3) of the UN Charter in order to ensure the full implementation of this provision.</i></p> <p><u>Draft Input</u></p> <p>4 (b) <i>Fully implementing and adhering 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;</i></p>
<p>3 (b) <i>Support credible, timely and decisive action by the Security Council, in exercise of its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, to prevent or end the commission of genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes.</i></p>	<p><u>Comparison Overview</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph 3 (b) is based on paragraph 3 (c) of Rev.2 with the addition of the Security Council’s mandate “<i>in exercise of its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security</i>”. • The language of paragraph 3 (b) is of a different meaning to that of Rev.1 and the Draft Input. Rev.1 and the Draft Input call on Member States to consider “<i>Consider committing to not vote against a credible draft resolution before the Security Council</i>” and to commit to “<i>not prevent the Security Council from taking action with the aim of preventing or bringing an end to situations involving the commission of mass</i>

	<p><i>atrocities by the use of the veto</i>”. Language on not voting against resolutions and mass atrocities have been removed from Rev.2 and Rev.3.</p> <p><u>Rev.2</u></p> <p>3 (c) <i>Support credible, timely and decisive action by the Security Council to prevent or end the commission of genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes.</i></p> <p><u>Rev.1</u></p> <p>3 (bullet point 3) <i>Consider committing to not vote against a credible draft resolution before the Security Council on timely and decisive action to end the commission of genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes, or to prevent such crimes and to committing to not prevent the Security Council from taking action with the aim of preventing or bringing an end to situations involving the commission of mass atrocities by the use of the veto.</i></p> <p><u>Draft Input</u></p> <p>4 (c) <i>Committing to not vote against a credible draft resolution before the Security Council on timely and decisive action to end the commission of genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes, or to prevent such crimes and in addition for Permanent Members committing to not prevent the Security Council from taking action with the aim of preventing or bringing an end to situations involving the commission of mass atrocities by the use of the veto;</i></p>
<p>3 (c) <i>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</i></p>	<p><u>Comparison Overview</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While language on “more significant contributions from elected members such as serving as penholder” did feature in the Draft Input, the language on reviewing and enhancing the Security Council’s working methods including “penholding and co-penholding arrangements” in Rev.3 is new and did not feature in previous texts. • Language on strengthening “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” is verbatim

and its subsidiary bodies, including the Peacebuilding Commission, as well as the Economic and Social Council and regional and sub-regional arrangements, including by continuing to fully implement and make use of General Assembly Resolutions 377A(V) (“Uniting for Peace”) and 76/262 (“Veto Initiative”).

from Rev.2 and Rev.1. While reference to the cooperation and communication with the General Assembly and Peacebuilding Commission was in the Draft Input, reference to the Economic and Social Council was not.

- Language on “*regional and sub-regional organisations*” was in the Draft Input but not in Rev.1 or Rev.2. Reference to “*regional and sub-regional*” has been re-inserted in Rev.3, however, the term “*organisation*” in the Draft Input has changed to “*arrangements*” in Rev.3.
- Language on “*General Assembly Resolutions 377A(V) (“Uniting for Peace”) and 76/262 (“Veto Initiative”)*” is verbatim from the latter part of paragraphs 3 (d) in Rev.2 and paragraph 3 (bullet point 4) of Rev.1.
- Language on “*make use*” of the General Assembly resolutions did not feature in the Draft Input. Language in the Draft Input on “*adopting substantive resolutions in the General Assembly during the meetings held under these mechanisms whenever the Security Council fails to exercise its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security*” has been removed in Rev.1, Rev.2, and Rev.3.

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3 (d)

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”).

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3 (bullet point 4)

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”).

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4 (a)

Committing to actively reinforcing the efforts of the Security Council to continuously review and enhance its working methods as part of its regular activities, with a view to ensuring

	<p><i>their effective and consistent implementation, including of Note 507, with a view to increasing the frequency and improving the conduct of Security Council missions, enhancing the opportunities of non-members of the Council to participate in and contribute to the work of the Council and its subsidiary bodies, in particular concerned States, ensuring the comprehensive involvement of all members of the Security Council in its work, particularly encouraging more significant contributions from elected members such as serving as penholders, fully making use of the different meeting formats available and further intensifying cooperation with regional and sub-regional organizations, amongst other issues;</i></p> <p>4 (d) <i>Strengthening the cooperation and communication between the Security Council and the General Assembly and its subsidiary bodies, including the Peacebuilding Commission;</i></p> <p>6 (a) <i>Fully implement General Assembly Resolutions 377A(V) (“Uniting for Peace”) and 76/262 (“Veto Initiative”) including by adopting substantive resolutions in the General Assembly during the meetings held under these mechanisms whenever the Security Council fails to exercise its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security;</i></p>
<p>3 (d) <i>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.</i></p>	<p><u>Comparison Overview</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph 3 (d) of Rev.3 has remained consistent with all previous texts and is verbatim from the Draft Input, Rev.1, and Rev.2. <p><u>Rev.2</u></p> <p>3 (e) <i>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.</i></p> <p><u>Rev.1</u></p> <p>3 (bullet point 5)</p>

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