



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

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of Austria to the
United Nations in New York

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Excellencies,

At the outset, we would like to once again express our deepest appreciation for the trust and confidence the President of the General Assembly has placed in us by appointing us 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 77th session of the General Assembly. We will continue to facilitate this process in a way that ensures its transparency, inclusivity and Member State driven nature.

So far, we have conducted **two rounds of IGN meetings**. The first meeting took place on 26 – 27 January 2023, and the second on 16-17 February 2023. Alongside these meetings, the Co-Chairs have met, engaged and consulted extensively with all interested Member States and Groups of States. These meetings and exchanges will continue during our Co-Chairmanship in order to find the spaces of convergence enabling Member States to move this important process forward.

Having said that, we believe we have found an **opening that will make a positive impact on the IGN process as a whole** – one that enhances its working methods and its transparency and maintains its credibility. Throughout the first and second IGN meetings, and from our extensive meetings and exchanges with Member States and Groups of States, the Co-Chairs have heard the consistent and clear calls for webcasting and record-keeping of the IGN meetings. This matter is of specific importance to smaller Permanent Missions, which face particular challenges in following the numerous parallel processes during the General Assembly session, as well as other meetings at the United Nations.

Based on the converging positions of Member States and Groups of States that we have been able to identify from our engagement with them, we would like to **recommend the following**:

1. To **webcast the first segment of each of the IGN meetings**, i.e. the debate where States have the possibility to deliver prepared statements until the list of speakers is exhausted. The second segment of the meetings, which takes the form of an interactive discussion, will not be webcast. We suggest to start proceeding this way at the next meeting of the IGN scheduled for 9 and 10 March 2023.
2. That the Office of the President of the General Assembly (OPGA) works with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) to establish a **specific website** to act as a repository of the recordings of the webcasts as well as of the letters, decisions and other documents related to the IGN process as well as links to the Member States' statements. As a starting point, we would kindly encourage Member States to email their statements to e-statements@un.org, preferably at least 2 hours in advance of each meeting, both to facilitate interpretation and to publish the statements on e-statements in the [United Nations Journal](#).


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We believe, and hope, that the aforementioned recommendations – when put into practice – will be most useful for the IGN process as it continues its diligent and assiduous negotiations towards the reform of the Security Council, whilst ensuring the transparency and inclusivity of the process for all Member States and stakeholders.

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



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