



UNGA Debate on Agenda Item 121

“Question of Equitable Representation on and increase in the Membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council”, 16 November 2023

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President

We thank you for convening today's debate. Malta aligns itself with the statement delivered by Italy behalf of the Uniting for Consensus Group and would like to complement by adding our national observations.

We congratulate Austria and Kuwait for their re-appointment as Co-Chairs of the IGN process. We are confident that under their skilful and experienced leadership, our collective efforts towards reform of the Security Council will bear fruition.

We augur that the IGN process at this 78th Session leads us closer to consensus. It is imperative that we look towards a reformed Security Council in a constructive spirit, an open mind, and a resolve to move forward based on compromise, transparency, and cooperation.

The international community needs and deserves a reformed Security Council. One that is truly representative, democratic, transparent and above all accountable and effective; a reformed Council which is owned by all UN Member States.



The starting point of reform should be agreement, among all Member States, on the underlying principles that are to guide the reform process. We have already seen some degree of progress within the IGN, and I trust that on this basis, we will move forward in our discussions.

In echoing Italy's words, we look forward to further discussing the five clusters in line with UNGA Decision 62/557, in a comprehensive and focused manner. Various convergences have already emerged among the negotiating groups represented here today, and I believe that these should be used as a further stepping-stone in our collective pursuit for reform.

The UfC's positions on each of the clusters of reform are clear and known. Our proposal upholds the principles of democracy, transparency, and equality.

President

To conclude, it is imperative that the IGN remains the sole process where Security Council Reform is discussed and agreed upon. We advise against re-inventing the wheel, or creating parallel tracks which could adversely impact our goals. A functioning Member-State driven process is already set up and we should lead all our efforts through it. We look forward to an open and constructive discussion based on a commitment to serve and represent, and you can count on the UfC towards this purpose.

I thank you.