



UNGA Debate on Agenda Item 122 entitled, “Question of Equitable Representation on and increase in the Membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council.”

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President

We thank you for convening today’s debate, ahead of upcoming discussions in the IGN on Security Council Reform. We also congratulate Austria and Kuwait for being re-appointed as Co-Chairs of this important process.

Malta aligns itself with the statement delivered by Italy on behalf of the UfC Group and would like to add a few remarks in its national capacity.

President

Malta reiterates the importance of multilateralism and multilateral cooperation on matters pertaining to the maintenance of international peace and security.



A comprehensive reform of the Security Council will reinforce these longstanding values, while making the Council more effective, efficient, transparent, accountable, and democratic.

Our primary goal must be to make the Security Council more representative of today's global realities. For this to be achieved, we must enhance the representation of regions that have been traditionally underrepresented, address the use of the veto, and enhance the Council's working methods, among others.

We stand ready to continue engaging in constructive discussions on the five clusters of reform during the IGN to address these issues. We recall that the IGN remains the sole and legitimate platform for discussion on the reform of the Security Council.

As part of the UfC group, Malta strongly believes in a reform that seeks to increase the number of elected Members on the Council. An equitable regional distribution must be an integral part of our debate.



As a small island nation, we strongly support the UfC's proposal for a rotating seat for Small States and SIDS. This will enhance the chances for this category of countries to sit around the table and bring their own unique perspectives and realities to the discussion.

Any proposal that seeks to increase the creation of new permanent members goes against the democratic principles that this body upholds.

President

As our term as an elected member of the Security Council is coming to an end, allow me to highlight some of the tangible contributions and achievements of the elected ten - E10 - over the past couple of years.

On numerous occasions, we have come together and taken concrete action to break the Council's deadlock during a particularly sensitive and confrontational period. We did this because we all felt the duty and responsibility to carry out the work we have been elected to do.



The adoption of Resolution 2728 on the situation in the Middle East and the new E10-led resolution we are currently working on are a case in point.

To conclude, President, as we are convening today after the Summit of the Future, let us use the convergence within the IGN to pursue a reform that is substantive, acceptable, and ratifiable.

We encourage all negotiating groups to present concrete models or proposals during this session and urge all Member States to work in good faith and patiently on areas of convergence. The UfC's all-encompassing and intermediate model responds to these calls.

You can count on Malta's support towards these endeavours.

I thank you.