



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

In my opening statement at the general debate of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly on 22 September 2010, I emphasized the urgent need to reaffirm the centrality of the United Nations in global governance. This also requires the continuation and deepening of our reform efforts within the Organization.

In the course of the general debate, many States highlighted the importance of UN reform and, in particular, reforming the Security Council. It was struck by the overwhelming number of calls to move decisively forward on this critical issue.

In this regard, I am pleased to inform Member States that I intend to convene, in accordance with General Assembly decision 64/568 of 13 September 2010, a meeting of the intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform in informal bi-harmony of the General Assembly on Thursday, 14 October 2010, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (N-100). I look forward to hearing your views on what steps to take to move the process forward.

I wish to recall in this context my letter of 1 October 2010 and thank His Excellency, Mr. Zuhair Tanin, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, as President of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly, for accepting to go forward with me on this important issue.

Please convey my sincere thanks and the assurances of my highest consideration.

Mr. Joseph Deiss
President of the General Assembly

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