



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

I have the honor to refer to the Intergovernmental Negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and the increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council. This has been one of the most significant and sensitive processes on the General Assembly agenda over the last several years. Since the beginning of my Presidency, I have attached high priority to the process and have continuously engaged with the membership in order to advance the negotiations.

As you know, an informal meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council reform was held on 16 April 2013. Since then, I have been in consultations with Member

States on the next session of the negotiations.

What transpired from these contacts is a clear desire to have another meeting and continue discussing various aspects of the reform. Equally clear was the sentiment that trust and confidence of the entire membership is essential for the process to continue in a ~~constructive manner~~