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I write to inform you of our upcoming meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) on Security Council Reform to be held on 2 May 2016 at lOam in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. As we will be covering the two remaining key issues identified in General Assembly Decision 62/557, namely, categories of membership and regional representation, the Trusteeship Council Chamber has also been reserved for the following day, to allow for an extension of the meeting into 3 May, if necessary.

While keeping in mind the interrelated nature of all five key issues, and as work continues
on the follow-up to the key issues of relationship between the Council and the General Assembly and size of an enlarged Security Council and working methods of the Council, out engagement on categories of membership and regional representation will naturally tie into our discussions from 9 March on the question of the veto.

As per past practice, I would invite Member States to inscribe on the list of speakers. However, in an effort to foster constructive dialogue and engagement on each other's positions and proposals, Member States will also have the opportunity after each statement to seek points of further clarification.

Depending on how discussions proceed, the meeting time we have at our disposal on
3 May could also be an opportunity to further explore and clarify thematic points, which could include: the practical implementation of possible cross-regional arrangements, the modalities of proposed review mechanisms or other substantive issues that may arise.

In preparation for the meeting, Member States may wish to review the positions and proposals of Member States reflected in the text and its annex circulated by the letter of the previous President of the General Assembly dated 31 July 2015, in order to examine to what extent they share the views of other Member States or groups of States.

As has been the case thus far, the meeting is also an opportunity for Member States to provide clear indications on how their positions and proposals

Finally, I wish to again encourage Member States to continue their outreach to each other; this is especially important as we discuss these two particularly interconnected and complex key issues. It is only through genuine dialogue

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