



**STATEMENT BY**

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**AT THE  
9TH INFORMAL MEETING OF THE  
  
OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP  
ON THE 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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**They have performed their work pursuant to the mandate I gave them in my letter of 22 May 2007, to conduct consultations with the membership, on the basis of the five Facilitators' report of 19 May 2007, on how to move Security Council reform process forward; and to report back to me on the outcome of these consultations before the end of June 2007.**

**Building upon the five Facilitators' report, the present report is intended to assist Member States, if they so choose, in further consideration of an intermediary approach. As I stated in my transmittal letter of 26 June 2007, this report is complementary to the five Facilitators' report of 19 April 2007, and the two documents should be read together.**

**I have throughout this session urged the membership to look at this matter with a fresh and open mind so that we can make substantial progress.**

**Against this background and taking into account the comprehensiveness of the reform process, I proposed to focus our consultations on the key issues of size, categories of membership, regional representation, veto and the working methods of the Security Council and the relationship between the Security Council and the General Assembly.**

**This has allowed us to undertake an in-depth review of the views of the membership in all aspects of Security Council reform, through an open, inclusive and transparent process of consultations.**

**Earlier efforts initiated by specific groups of States have not been conclusive. Indeed, although a number of draft resolutions were previously tabled, their sponsors did not call for action by the General Assembly thereon.**

**This alone is a reflection of the extent of the diverging views of the membership on Security Council reform. It also emphasizes the need to strive to narrow the differences in order to reach general agreement.**

**As you are aware, an affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the Members of the General Assembly will be required to adopt any resolution or decision on the question of Security Council reform.**

**However, for a meaningful intergovernmental negotiation process to begin there should, first and foremost, be a clear willingness to enter in such a process from all interest groups. Only then would we need clarity on what kind of document such negotiations could be based upon.**

**It is my considered view, that the report under consideration can enable us to take a further step forward, but that it is neither intended nor suitable to serve as a basis for negotiations. In short, to be fruitful any negotiations process would require strong ownership by the membership.**

**Our discussions today should build upon our deliberations in May on the five Facilitators' report so as to indicate the level of our common understanding on the ideas put forward in the reports. I believe that your opinions are important in order to consider the options for moving the Security Council reform process forward.**