



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

16 February 2007

Excellency,

Further to my letter of 13 February 2007, regarding the upcoming informal consultations 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, I wish to draw your attention to the attached list of sub-items that Member States may find useful as reference tool during the consultations. A revised calendar of meetings is also enclosed.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


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**Informal Consultations 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**

List of Sub-items for Reference

- 1. The size of an enlarged Security Council**
 - a) General principle**
 - b) Specific numbers**

- 2. Categories of Security Council membership**
 - a) Enlargement in both permanent and non-permanent**
 - b) Enlargement in non-permanent for the time being**
 - c) Enlargement in non-permanent only**

- 3. The question of regional representation**
 - a) The level of representation by regional groups in the Council**
 - b) Permanent and non-permanent seats for particular regions; group of States or particular countries**

- 4. The question of the veto**
 - a) The use of veto**
 - b) Transitional arrangement on the use of veto**
 - c) Curtailment/elimination of veto**

- d) Should veto be extended to new permanent members
- e) Number of affirmative votes required in an enlarged Council (with/without new permanent members)

5. The working methods of the Security Council and the relationship between the Security Council and the General Assembly

I. Working methods

- a) Working methods as part of the broader Security Council reform debate
- b) Scope of the discussion on the Security Council working methods
- c) Improvements on the working methods and transparency of the work of the Security Council
- d) Substantive reforms that can be made to the working methods

II. Relationship between Security Council and General Assembly

- a) Considering the issues that are of interest for both the Security Council and the General Assembly and coordination thereof