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Excellency,

In strict conformity with the Work Plan elaborated by the President of the General Assembly and embraced by Member States during our successful 19 February launch of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council reform, I am herewith providing guidance to Member States on the path to decisive progress.

Following our productive 22 and 26 May exchange on review or challenge, Member States on 11 June, during the second exchange of the second round, will address the composition of the Security Council, comprising the key issues of size, categories of membership and regional representation. Questions like how many seats to add, what kind of seats and how to distribute them among the membership are intertwined and this exchange offers an opportunity to explore such connections, along with relevant negotiables.

While, as part of my responsibility as Chair, impartial to any of the positions but partial to progress, to take the implementation of Decision 62/557 forward, I have added structure and, by the request of the membership, comprehensiveness to the exchanges, Member States are of course free to express their views on any matter they deem relevant, including the veto.

During the first round, Member States implemented Decision 62/557, our brightly shining lodestar, and the President's Work Plan by fleshing out the substantive underpinning of the negotiations, defined in subparagraphs i and iii of paragraph e of Decision 62/557, and also by showing the necessary flexibility. During the remainder of the second round, the achievement of decisive progress requires Member States to focus less on the former and more on the latter, inspired by my Overview, in the case of our 11 June exchange especially its paragraph 14.

For my part, as Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations, I will continue to promote the interactive nature of our meetings. Member States will thus again be given the opportunity to intervene twice, so they can react to and reciprocate the flexibility shown by their peers, but are also again urged to be concise and to limit their interventions to no longer than three minutes.



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I remain confident that the good faith and mutual respect in full display over the course of our negotiations hitherto will take us very far very fast, in an entirely open process revolving around the positions and proposals of Member States and moving towards a solution that can garner the widest possible political acceptance by Member States.

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

Zahir Tanin

Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the United Nations

Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on the question of equitable representation and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council