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Excellencies, dear colleagues,

We have the honor to address you in our capacity as **Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations** on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other related matters to the Security Council (**IGN**) during the 79th session of the General Assembly.

Kindly find attached a copy of a letter dated 29 October 2024 received by the Co-Chairs from the Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the United Nations transmitting their revised model for a reformed Security Council. Upon the request of the Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein, the attached letter and its document will be **posted on the IGN website** which acts as a repository of the IGN process.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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Revised model for Security Council enlargement – “Intermediate model”

Excellencies,

Let me congratulate you on your reappointment as Co-chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other related matters to the Security Council (IGN) of the 79th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

I write to you to submit a revision of Liechtenstein’s “intermediate model” on reform of the Security Council. Liechtenstein very much appreciated the dialogue held on the model earlier this year and the valuable input provided by the membership, which have informed the revision of our model. We have also endeavoured to bring the model in line with the relevant commitments made by our leaders in the Pact for the Future adopted in September. The revised model includes elements regarding the representation of cross-regional groups, edits to the scope of the proposed review clause, and new language regarding working methods.

We would be grateful if Liechtenstein’s revised model could be included in the electronic repository created for the IGN for the consideration of its membership in future discussions of the IGN. We look forward to continuing to engage with you and with all delegations in the IGN as we enter the next phase of our work on the basis of the Pact for the Future.

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

Sincerely,

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Elements for a General Assembly resolution on the enlargement of the Security Council – intermediate model

The General Assembly,

[preamble]

Decides to expand the membership of the Security Council as follows:

Part I: Enlargement of the Security Council

Size

1. The membership of the Security Council shall be increased from fifteen to [xx¹].

Membership

2. The following six additional members shall be elected to serve on a permanent basis for renewable terms of [8 / 10]² years:

- I. two from **the African Group**
- II. two from **the Asia-Pacific Group**
- III. one from **the Latin American and Caribbean Group**
- IV. one from **the Western European and Other Group**

3. A member from the Eastern European Group shall be elected to serve on a non-permanent basis for a non-renewable term of 2 years.

3 bis. At least one member from the membership of the League of Arab States shall serve on the Security Council at any time.

3 ter. At least one member belonging to the group of Small Island Developing States³ shall serve on the Security Council at any time.

Elections of the new members

4. Elections to fill the seats created pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 3 above shall be held after the entry into force of the amendments annexed to the present resolution and simultaneously with the regular elections of non-permanent members of the Security

¹ The question of creation of new non-permanent seats in the sense of article 23.2 of the UN charter is not comprehensively addressed in these elements, cf. OP 3, which serves as a placeholder for the scenario where additional two-year seats are created.

² The numbers in square brackets are meant to reflect a middleground and would be subject to negotiation.

³ **As determined by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States**

Council. The elections shall be held in accordance with the relevant rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

5. Candidates for seats created pursuant to paragraph 2 above shall not be eligible to serve as non-permanent members in accordance with article 23, paragraph 2, of the UN Charter for the following [8 / 10] calendar years.

6. The expanded Council shall take up its work on 1 January of the calendar year following the elections held in accordance with paragraph 4 above.

Charter amendments

7. The Charter amendments necessary for the implementation of the present resolution are contained in the Annex to the present resolution and adopted simultaneously.

Ratification

8. Member States are called upon to ratify the amendments contained in the Annex to the present resolution, in accordance with their respective constitutional processes, by

Review

9. [16 / 20] years after the first elections held in accordance with paragraph 4 above, the General Assembly shall review the situation created by the entry into force of the Charter amendments contained in the Annex to the present resolution. The review shall include **all issues relevant to Security Council reform, including but not limited to the** consideration of the categories of seats, the creation of additional seats of any category, including permanent seats, a review of the question of the veto as well as the implementation of the measures to improve the working methods of the Council contained in **Part II**.⁴

[Part II: Working Methods of the Security Council]

1. Decisions of the Security Council shall require an affirmative vote of either 3/5 of the members of the Security Council, or the integer that is closest to 3/5 of the membership of the Security Council.

2. Arrangements shall be made to ensure that each elected Member of the Security Council has at least one presidency during their term.

3. There will be an equitable distribution among Members of the Security Council of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of subsidiary bodies of the Security Council.

⁴ It is understood that the General Assembly will simultaneously decide on a set of measures dealing with the working methods of the Council. This can either be done in a separate part of the resolution or in a stand-alone resolution that is adopted at the same time as the resolution dealing with the enlargement of the Council.

4. The membership of the Security Council shall consider measures to improve the efficiency of Council meetings.

5. [Measures aimed at placing restrictions on the use of the veto – for further discussion]

Annex: Amendments to the United Nations Charter

Article 23, paragraph 1: The Security Council shall consist of [xx] members of the United Nations. China, France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America shall be permanent members of the Security Council. The General Assembly shall elect [yy] other Members of the United Nations to be members of the Security Council, due regard being specially paid, in the first instance, to the contribution of Members of the United Nations to the maintenance of international peace and security and to the other purposes of the Organization, as well as equitable geographical distribution. Six elected members shall serve on a permanent basis for terms of [8/10] years and be eligible for immediate re-election.

[add consequential Charter amendments to articles 27 (2), 27 (3), 109 (1) and (3) updating the respective numbers of affirmative votes required]