

27 April 2023

Excellency,

We have the honour 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 77th session of the General Assembly.

Kindly find attached for your information a copy of our letter dated 27 April 2023 addressed to H.E. Ambassador Ferit Hoxha, Permanent Representative of Albania to the United Nations, in his capacity as **Chair of the Security Council Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions**.

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



A handwritten signature in blue ink, partially obscured by a redacted area. The visible text includes "Alexander" and "2023".

27 April 2023

Excellency,

We have the honour 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 77th session of the General Assembly.

At the outset, we take this opportunity to express our appreciation for your efforts, in your capacity as Chair of the Security Council Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions, towards enhancing the working methods of the Security Council and improving the process by which the Council addresses issues concerning its documentation and other procedural questions.

During the IGN meetings this session, many Member States highlighted the need to enhance the working methods of the Security Council in order to ensure its transparent, efficient, effective and accountable functioning. Several issues have been raised by Member States during this session's IGN meetings, as well as previous sessions, which relate to the working methods not only of a future – reformed and enlarged – Security Council, but delegations also consistently raise issues that relate to the current working methods

up of the Council. These issues relate, amongst others, to the following:

Reviewing the current system of penholdership.

Enhancing the opportunities for the

The effective and consistent implementation of Presidential Note 507 and other Presidential Notes related to the working methods of the Council.

Further enhancing the Council's interaction, including consultations with non-Council members in the process of negotiation of resolutions, with specially affected Member States, in line with relevant provisions of the Charter.

Further strengthening cooperation with regional and sub-regional organizations and arrangements.

Early submission by the Security Council of annual reports of a more

A rectangular area containing handwritten text in blue ink. The word "Alexander" is clearly visible in the middle. To the right, there are initials that appear to be "A. 12/13" and a large number "1" written vertically. Below the main line of text, there are some faint, illegible scribbles.