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Excellencies, Dear Co-Facilitators, Dear Colleagues,

At the outset, I would like to thank you Co-chairs for your tireless efforts in guiding this year's IGN session and towards consolidating all views expressed by Member States as well as previously agreed important documents into this revised paper.

Co-Chairs, unfortunately I was not able to be here during the general debate yesterday, therefore I would like convey Hungary's comments on the topics that were discussed yesterday. First regarding "Relationship of between the Council and the General assembly" as well as "Size of an enlarged Council and Working Methods of the Council", Hungary's position is well known, thus I will refrain from repeating it. I would just like to once again echo what has been also mentioned by the representative of Serbia yesterday, concerning the request for the Eastern European Group for one additional non-permanent seat. Allow me also to reiterate our strong support for this request, which stands under any enlargement model and is correctly reflected in the revised paper.

Concerning the revised "Elements of Commonality and Issues for Further Consideration" document, I would like to highlight that Hungary welcomes the harmonized paper, that is a result of a member States driven process. We especially welcome the specific reference to Small Island Developing States and we also remain supportive of a more accurate reflection of the common aspirations of the African Group to be included as well.

Hungary, as member of the ACT task force on the Code of Conduct to prevent or stop atrocity crimes, also thank the Co-Chairs that they heard our call and not only included this initiative in the text but also a reference to the French-Mexican proposal on the voluntary restraint of veto. We appreciate this addition since we see the two initiatives complementary to each other, as both have the potential to lead to a longer term solution on the question of veto, that for now represents one of the main stumbling blocks for further progress.

When it comes to the procedure, our long-standing position still stands, we would like to see this process moving towards text based negotiations as soon as possible. To reach that point, further fine tuning and perhaps restructuring of the current document would be beneficial, to allow for it to present "elements of commonality" and "issues for further consideration" in a more

comprehensive way. We also agree that it would be very helpful to include clear attribution in each part of the paper to reveal which Member State's or Group's proposal is in front of us.

Dear Co-Chairs this brings me to my next point concerning the way forward. Hungary is open to continue our discussions if it leads us to meaningful outcome, that we still see as the start of text based negotiations.

Finally, I would like to thank St Vincent and Grenadines for the robust consolidation of all the work done so far on Security Council reform into this amazing book. This will be great help for our Missions as well as our Capitals.

I thank you for your attention.