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**Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the
Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council**

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Madame President,

At the outset, I would like to thank you for convening this important debate. After successfully agreeing on many **ground-breaking reforms** concerning all main Pillars of this Organization during the last session, we shall not rest. The next phase, the **implementation** of this ambitious restructuring plan is still ahead of us, as well as tackling which is perhaps the most difficult of all reform areas – the Security Council.

Hungary firmly believes that the UN reform process cannot be complete, until its main executive body is not adapted to 21st century's challenges. The integrated nature of today's threats evidently requires us to come up with lasting solutions.

Madame President,

As you rightly mentioned in your opening statement at the General Assembly in September, '*continuing to reform the Security Council on the basis of the will and commitment of the States*' remains a priority. You inherited a complicated task, in which you can count on Hungary as a long-time supporter of the Security Council reform.

Let me now thank the Co-chairs of the previous session of the IGN, Ambassador Lana Zaki Nusseibeh and Ambassador Kaha Innadze for their tireless efforts in bringing this process forward. The close and transparent consultation with all Member States and the well-ahead

planned schedule were best practices that should be continued this year. We also congratulate to the new co-facilitators, to Ambassador Nusseibeh of the UAE on her re-appointment of and to Ambassador Braun of Luxembourg on his new role and wish them both good luck in their deliberations.

Hungary believes that we need a **reasonably ambitious but realistic agenda**, with result-oriented practical discussions in all five reform clusters. We should not get caught in a loop of repeating the same IGN session over and over again. In our view **all the important documents** agreed during previous sessions should be taken into account, this will allow us to build upon already achieved progress.

Let me now underline the main points of the Hungarian position on the Security Council reform:

On the **size and configuration of the Security Council**, Hungary continues to support the **enlargement** of the Security Council in **both permanent and non-permanent categories**, while at the same time we are ready to examine all practical proposals (with a hope for reaching the highest possible support) aiming for **interim solutions as well**. Enlargement must be based on **equitable geographical representation**. We call for a second non-permanent seat for the Eastern European Group, which requests stands under any enlargement model. We

recognize and respect the aspirations of other regional, or cross-regional groups as well.

Enlargement will necessarily mandate an overhaul of the **Security Council's working methods**. We witnessed positive developments in this field, which should be continued. As regards to the **relationship between the Security Council and the General Assembly**, more needs to be done to achieve clearer and more detailed rules on the Council's coordination and cooperation with the main organs of the UN, Member States and other stakeholders.

Concerning the **question of the veto** we are encouraged by the growing support of Member States for the ACT Group's Code of Conduct to prevent or stop atrocity crimes as well as for the French-Mexican proposal on the voluntary restraint of veto power. These initiatives have the potential lead to a longer term solution on this matter.

Madame President,

We look forward to your guidance throughout the process and assure you about Hungary's constructive participation.

I thank you for your attention.