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Inter-governmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters

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Madam Chair,

We are glad to join you at the start of a new process that holds the promise for meaningful negotiations. This can be achieved by the outcome-driven approach, proposed in your letter and based on the document of July 31, 2015.

We support your proposal on our sequence of meetings and we also see merit in having more informal discussions on the five key topics of reform.

Turning to the topic for today, namely the relationship between the GA and the Council, we have found many valid proposals in the document of July 31. Since others have already spoken to the great number convergent ideas, let me just say that we also see a strong opportunity for their consolidation. Besides that, let me make two general comments; one on substance, and the other on the way forward.

On the substance, Hungary supports clear and detailed rules on the Council's coordination and cooperation with the main organs of the United Nations, Member States and other stakeholders, including regional arrangements.

As the tasks become more complex and their interrelationship clearly understood, there is no need to reinforce division lines. To the contrary, the integrated nature of threats, and the need to come up with lasting solutions will require ever closer cooperation.

On the way forward: from the legal perspective, we need an amendment of the Charter to achieve Security Council reform. Then, also, the IGN may want to put forward proposals that do not require Charter Amendment. In our view, and after looking at the proposals made, the relationship of the Council with the Assembly belongs more to the second basket.

Then there is a need for sequencing and for clear differentiation in the roles of stakeholders.

- The IGN may propose language *to the General Assembly* on general principles, issues that bring about closer coordination and cooperation.
- Meanwhile the new Rules of Procedure, and other documents that will have to be adopted *by the Security Council* must also be used for the same purpose.
- Furthermore, strengthening the relationship will be an ongoing process also outside of this forum. The three review processes, the working group on GA revitalization and the Council's own work on working methods bear witness to this.
- Then, the nature of relationship will also depend on implementation, before and *after the Security Council reform package* is adopted.

With that understanding the IGN can concentrate on the big picture in the field of relationship issues, consolidate proposals through building on areas of convergence, and use the momentum to tackle the more sensitive issues before us.

Thank you, Madam Chair