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Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the
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Co-Chairs,

Indonesia congratulates you, on your appointment as co-chairs. We are confident that under your able leadership will bring us good progress and hopefully good fortune.

Last week, we again witnessed the paralysis of the Council in the face of collapsing humanitarian situation in Gaza.

There was no justifiable basis to use of veto when there was a clear case to stop atrocities in Gaza.

Today's meeting brings home the urgency to make a real progress on reform for a more effective Council, where Members to uphold ethics and humanity in their work.

Co-Chairs,

We support your approach, for all five key issues to be addressed in an integral manner. In this context, allow me to emphasize the following.

FIRST, on "Categories of Membership".

Membership of the Council should always reflect the current geo-political and geo-economic realities.

A new category of longer-term non-permanent members with possibility of immediate re-election, and without veto rights, should be considered. We are open to discussions on the duration of the terms, and number of re-election arrangements.

A review mechanism should be in place to always allow current realities reflected in Council's membership.

SECOND, on the "Question of Veto".

The right of veto should be seen as an antiquated privilege. Indonesia do not support the creation of any new veto rights.

The use of veto should be regulated as part of a step towards the phasing out the use of veto. Veto must not be exercised where serious violations of international humanitarian law, war crimes and genocide are proven.

Moreover, a fail-safe mechanism on the use of veto could be considered to avoid inaction in a situation of grave threats to international peace and security especially when it could result in further calamity on the ground.

THIRD, on “Regional Representation”, the “Size of an Enlarged Council” and “the Working Methods of the Council”.

We stress that under-representation of Asia and Africa in the Council must be addressed. This will allow a voice for the continent, legitimacy and inclusivity of the Council.

Also important, is to ensure the size and composition of the Council to reflect appropriate regional geo-economic and geo-political realities.

In parallel, we must enhance the good practices of the Council to regularly engage with the T/PCC on PKO issues and to maintain close coordination with the PBC.

There are also still rooms for improvement in the Working Methods, such as improving penholdership mechanism, including ensuring greater equality between the E-10 and Permanent Members.

LASTLY, on “Relationship between Security Council and General Assembly”.

A strengthened relationship between the two Main Bodies will enrich deliberations, including by having a more interactive and frank discussion on the Annual Report of the Security Council in the General Assembly.

Furthermore, any initiatives to strengthen the complementarity between the Security Council and the General Assembly, especially after a veto is casted, should be directed to resolve the matters at hand.

Co-chairs,

Discussions on a re-formed Council has been decades in the making.

While we agree that the IGN is the platform to make the final recommendation for a reformed Council, we must use every opportunity to expedite the process, including getting the political commitment for concrete progress on reform, in the Summit of the Future.

Moreover, consensus and mutually agreed solution are essentials for our work.

Building convergences require us to have political wisdom, mutual respect and flexibility to move forward.

The Co-chairs' revised elements paper on Convergences and Divergences should guide our future work in finding more convergences and also to work on the details on our existing convergences.

This will ensure our progress in making a Security Council that is effective, efficient, democratic, inclusive, transparent, and representative.

Finally, Indonesia fully supports your leadership and will be constructive throughout the process.

I thank you.