

**STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR ENKHBOLD VORSHILOV,
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MONGOLIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS,
AT THE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE PLENARY ON THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL
NEGOTIATIONS ON THE 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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Distinguished Co-Chairs,

At the outset, I would like to thank the Co-Chairs for convening today's informal meeting. We look forward to the effective and positive leadership by the Co-Chairs as well as your guidance throughout this session's IGN.

Mongolia associates itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on behalf of the L.69 Group and I wish to add the following brief points in my national capacity.

Co-Chairs,

My delegation welcomes the innovative approach presented in the letter dated November 21, 2023, by the Co-Chairs for this session of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform.

We would like to see concrete progress by the end of the 78th session. We need to bring a renewed momentum and finish the endless circle of stating the same positions. We also note that the Co-Chairs have encouraged Member States to focus on new elements rather than reiterating positions in the 5 clusters. It is crucial to draw lessons from past experiences where delays in commencing substantive negotiations have constrained our capacity to compromise and engage in meaningful exchanges. This, in turn, led to minimal or no changes in the positions of both Groups and Member States.

We support a structured dialogue on models proposed by States and Groups. We look forward to a clear explanation of the reasons behind these positions. This will enable more focused discussions on effective approaches to resolve differences on important issues and promote productive negotiations.

We appreciate the Co-Chairs' commitment to aligning our efforts in the Intergovernmental Negotiations with the Security Council Reform-related outcomes of the Summit of the Future to be held in September 2024. A strong, democratic, inclusive, and representative Council is crucial for effective multilateralism and a global governance system. Hence, it is essential that the IGN significantly contributes to the summit outcomes.

In conclusion, my delegation is committed to collaborating with Member States to achieve a thorough reform of the Security Council that meets the aspirations of all Member States for a more representative, democratic, inclusive and effective Council.

I thank you.