



**Statement of PR on the
Roll-Over Decision of the IGN Process
(29 June 2023)**

Mr. President,

I would like to, first of all, align myself with the statement to be made by the Permanent Representative of Italy on behalf of the Uniting for Consensus (UfC) Group.

2. Pakistan fully supports the oral decision you have submitted for a roll-over of the Security Council reform process. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, Mr. President, most sincerely for your firm guidance of the IGN process, which demonstrated your commitment and sincerity to the objective as well as clarity in the process.

3. We would also like to pay tribute to the Co-Chairs – Ambassador Tareq Albanai and Ambassador Alexander Marschik – for their able, active and imaginative guidance of the IGN process during this Assembly session. We especially welcome the innovations to the IGN’s working methods proposed by the Co-Chairs and accepted by Member States, which are reflected in the decision adopted today. The webcasting of the opening segments of each IGN meeting and the creation of a website as a repository of the recordings of the webcasts and other IGN related documents have increased the transparency and inclusivity of the process as desired by so many small and medium-sized States.

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4. The IGN has held constructive discussions this year on all the five interlinked “clusters” of issues on Security Council reform identified in Decision 62/557. As evident from the Co-Chairs’ revised Elements Paper, the areas of convergence have been broadened, and divergences have been further reduced through the IGN process this year.

5. The UfC group continues to believe, together with other Groups, that we need to reach an agreement on the “principles” of reform in all 5 Clusters in order to begin formulating a text on Security Council reform which has a chance of securing the “widest possible political acceptance of Member States”.

6. Pakistan looks forward to continuing its constructive participation in the IGN process at the next session. This is the only agreed and accepted modality to promote Security Council reform. It would be unwise to disrupt the IGN process by advancing new modalities and precipitate initiatives. We will oppose any such move.

Mr. President,

7. Certainly, we have all agreed at the 75th session to breathe “new life” into the process for the reform of the Security Council, and I believe that this year we have done so; we have breathed “new life” into the process. However, a breakthrough in Security Council reform can be achieved only through patient negotiations, reciprocal flexibility and mutual accommodation.

8. The UfC group has demonstrated the greatest flexibility and accommodation – including our compromise proposals. We are convinced that our approach will achieve the widest possible support of Member States through further consultations and negotiations. But, what we need to avoid in security Council reform is to allow this process to be utilized for narrow national objectives; One, we should not become this process on the lack of progress, which is so advertised by some, should not become an alibi to explain the current global tensions and great power rivalries. This is not due to the lack of agreement on Security Council reform; Two, it should not serve as an avenue to build new political and military blocs, by offering privileges to ambitious allies and friends; and, Three, it should not become a vehicle to satisfy the national egos of a few large States.