



**Statement by Ambassador Munir Akram during 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 Council**

(20 June 2024)

Distinguished Co-Chairs,

I wish to thank you for convening this important meeting for your skilful guidance of the IGN, and for circulating the third revision of the IGN contribution to the Pact of the Future.

2. I will first make a statement on behalf of the OIC Member States and thereafter a few remarks in my national capacity.

Quote

On behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the second largest intergovernmental organization after the United Nations, I wish to thank you for convening this meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council reform (IGN), and for circulating therev3 of the language to be included in the Pact of the Future on Security Council Reform.

Co-Chairs,

I wish to recall, the Final Communiqué adopted at the 15th Islamic Summit Conference in Banjul on 4-5 May 2024, stated in paragraph 98:

"The Conference recalled all previous resolutions adopted by the OIC Summit and Council of Foreign Ministers on the reform of the United Nations and expansion of the UN Security Council's membership; and reiterated that efforts at the reform of the Security Council should not be subjected to any artificial deadlines and that a decision on this issue should be made by consensus; and reaffirmed OIC's decision that any reform proposal which neglects the adequate representation of the Islamic Ummah in any category of membership in an extended Security Council will not be acceptable to the Islamic World."

The revised Common Elements paper you issued on 29 April 2024 included as part of convergences that: "There has been overall agreement to the need for an equitable representation of developing countries, small states, cross-regional groups such as Small Island Developing States, Arab States, the OIC and other groups."

Following our call in the last IGN meeting, the Co-Chairs have now included the reference to the Arab Group in their revised proposal. However, the reference to the OIC is still missing.

In the spirit of the OIC Summit Communiqué and the revised co-Chairs Element Paper, the OIC would like to request you, Co-chairs, to include a reference to the OIC in Action 1 (b) of the revised IGN input draft.

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4. In my national capacity, let me align with the statement made by Italy and add the following.

5. We appreciate your efforts to achieve consensus in the language for the Pact for the Future. We can achieve consensus if we adhere to your early commitment that the language for the Pact would be based on the Convergences in the Co-Chairs' Revised Elements Paper.

Co-Chairs,

6. On the revised version, the following are Pakistan's comments and suggestions:

7. **First**, we appreciate the removal of specific references to SDG 16.8. However, the new reference "taking into account our commitments of Agenda 2030" is also problematic. There is no alignment in time or space between Agenda 2030 and the Security Council Reform process, which are being pursued under GA Resolution 53/30 and Decision 62/557. The reform process cannot be shortened into the SDG timelines and commitments. Therefore, we call for the removal of any reference to the SDGs or Agenda 2030 and the addition of a reference to GA Resolution 53/30 which is missing in the text.

8. **Second**, under Action 1 paragraph b) the reference to the OIC should be inserted as proposed by the OIC group. This was part of the convergence in the Co-Chairs' Elements Paper. This reference is essential to achieve consensus on the draft language for the Pact.

9. **Third**, on the issue of categories of membership, under Action 1 paragraph c), we appreciate the effort made to reconcile positions. The best way would be revert faithfully to the language under “Convergences” in your Common Elements paper.

10. **Fourth**, with reference to Action 2, we believe that the paragraph should be removed altogether, as it implies that the Pact of the Future could extend beyond the scope of Decision 62/557. In any case, this language was never discussed within the IGN process.

11. Similarly, in Action 3, the proposed text goes beyond what is expected from the input of the IGN to the Pact of the Future and overlaps with the discussions of the Revitalisation of the GA and the Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions (IWG). Therefore, this whole Action 3 should be deleted from this chapter.

12. Distinguished Co-Chairs, I trust our views will be taken into consideration and reflected in the further revision of the text.