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TO THE UNITED NATIONS

**Explanatory memorandum:
Intermediate model for the enlargement of the Security Council**

The attached elements for a General Assembly resolution on the enlargement of the Security Council are submitted pursuant to the request of the Chairman of the intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform, Ambassador Tanin, contained in his letter of 5 February 2010. In accordance with the terms of the said letter, the elements are presented in language that is “fit for negotiation purposes”. The main objective of these elements is to **illustrate the possible structure of an “intermediate” solution** for the enlargement of the Security Council, and thus to contribute to finding a solution that commands the broadest possible political support and to bridging the gap between the existing positions.

The model provides for the creation of a **new category of seats the terms of which are considerably longer** than the current non-permanent seats in accordance with article 23 para. 2 of the UN Charter. In addition, they can be **renewed immediately**, and States thus have the possibility **to serve permanently** on the Council, if they are regularly chosen to do so by the membership of the United Nations.

The model mainly illustrates the creation of a new category of seats and does therefore **not address the question of possible additional non-permanent seats** in the sense of article 23 para. 2 of the UN Charter. The model can easily be combined with the creation of new non-permanent seats, but also serve as a stand-alone model (in which case the Council would be enlarged to 21 seats).

Given that all variables in the enlargement discussion are interlinked, as has become clear in the course of the intergovernmental negotiations as well as in previous discussions on Security Council reform, the model leaves a number of figures open, in particular the overall size of the Council. The illustrative figure chosen in the elements for the length of the terms of office of the new category of seats is meant to reflect a possible middle ground between the existing positions. It is of course understood that all these figures are subject to negotiation.

The model is submitted with the understanding that the General Assembly would **at the same time address the question of working methods of the Security Council**, either in a second part of the resolution or, perhaps preferably, in a stand-alone resolution, taking into account in particular the proposals presented by the S-5 since 2006.

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