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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE QUESTION OF EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION ON AND INCREASE IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND MATTERS RELATED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL**

**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR CHRISTIAN WENAWESER**

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF LIECHTENSTEIN TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Co-facilitators,

Thank you again for your leadership to help shape the input to the Pact for the Future on Security Council Reform. As others have indicated before us, we can see in this text a clear acknowledgement of the high level of expectation of the public for action-oriented language on reform of the Security Council. We also see in it your commitment to finding workable compromises on issues of critical importance to the way our organisation addresses its imperative to maintain peace and security.

We have entered this discussion with the expectation that the Summit, while not making the decision on SC enlargement itself, will make it clear that we are turning a page and entering a new phase – after three decades of discussions. This, objective, of course, is only met in part in the text before us. Many of the most important areas of this text have been taken to the minimum level possible. We therefore urge you to at the very least maintain the level of ambition present in the text. We remain hopeful that the present text will be seen as reaching the ‘landing zone’ for various delegations and that we can take this to a swift conclusion. As we have said, our

publics are counting on us to take actionable steps forward.

Co-facilitators,

In Action 1, we believe that you have done a good job of making this a leader-level text, while maintaining the details that are most important. Language in (f) on limiting the scope and use of the veto reflects the overwhelming position of the Membership that addressing the veto is indispensable for comprehensive reform. We expect this reference to make that position clear. Language in (g) on a review clause we believe is one part of that process; however, this as phrased should not just relate to the effectiveness of a future Council but to remedy the injustice of the present configuration.

Action 2 has undergone clear changes in recent revisions. We would encourage you to retain language relating to the provision of resources from the UN system to the IGN process. As has been made very clear by the Membership over a number of years, the reform of the Security Council is a process the importance of which necessitates proper resourcing. Until the requisite reform is achieved, negotiations of the IGN require the institutional backing that can help bring us towards a more inclusive, transparent, efficient, effective, democratic and accountable Council.

Co-facilitators,

In the absence of actual Security Council reform decided in September's pact, the provisions laid out in Action 3 are indispensable. The Security Council and General Assembly must work closer together to fulfil the purposes of the Charter through the combined functions of Chapters 4 and 5. This work cannot substitute for Charter reform of the Council. But civilians suffering in conflicts around the world cannot wait for Council reform for the UN to act effectively. References to the implementation of Charter Article 27.3, as well as to the Uniting for Peace and Veto Initiative mechanisms take into account the work being done across the UN's primary organs to uphold peace and security, and to ensure that these primary organs are working in concert with each

other, with fidelity to the Charter, and in full transparency to the Membership as a whole. We are disappointed by the weakening of subpoint c, over the various drafts and would like to see a stronger commitment for the Security Council to prevent or end atrocity crimes, an element given more urgency by the global context. Finally, we strongly support the inclusion of penholding and co-penholding arrangements in the text, which are essential for a more functional, representative and efficient Council. We expect these elements to be retained in the final package as drafted in this revision.

I thank you.