



10 September 2007

Dear Excellency,

I am writing to follow up on my letter dated 3 August 2007, in which I outlined my intention to hold a meeting for the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and increase in the Membership of the Security Council Other Matters Related to the Security Council on 5 September 2007, in order to consider and adopt the draft report of the Working Group and recommend it to the General Assembly.

As you are well aware, the aforementioned meeting had to be rescheduled to a later date, in order to attempt to reach consensus among the Membership. I have held extensive consultations in the last ten days with Member States who wanted to amend the text of the report as well as those who proposed additions. While all Member States approached the matter in a constructive and flexible manner, this process did not result in achieving the agreement I was aspiring for.

In light of the time constraints of the current session of the Assembly, which officially concludes on 17 September 2007, and the remaining pending issues on the agenda of the 61st session that need to be concluded before then, and in view of the need to continue the work of the OEWG in the 62nd session while preserving and building on the positive momentum and spirit created in the 61st session, I am obliged to attach herewith a revised draft of the report that was circulated on the 3 August. I find that the attached version reflects, in my view, the only basis to achieve the broadest possible understanding necessary to conclude our work this session, and in order to ensure that the corresponding item remains on the agenda of the 62nd Session.

Therefore, it is my intention to convene a formal meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Wednesday, 12 September in room 1, at 3 PM to consider and adopt the draft report. By adopting this draft, the report will be issued in the appropriate format and timing for the Assembly to take action on it by 17 September 2007.

Once again, I appeal to all Member States to exhibit the necessary constructiveness and flexibility in this regard, so that we could continue to move forward on this very important outstanding reform issue, which we all aspire to achieve as an integral part of the 2005 World Summit Outcome.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.



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