

Remarks by Mr. Róbert Chatrnúch,
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at the

**Informal meeting (closed) of the plenary on 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**

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Thank you, Madam Co-Chair,

For Slovakia, UN Security Council reform is an essential part of the comprehensive UN reform. By adopting the “UN 75 political declaration” couple of months ago, all member states have the obligation to implement it, which means among others to “instill new life” and properly reform the United Nations, including its Security Council.

Madam Co-Chair,

The position of Slovakia is consistent, well-documented and there is no need to repeat it. Anyway, allow me to present some additional remarks.

- A) My delegation believes that 42 years since the reform of the Security Council had been put on the agenda of the General Assembly, text-based negotiations have to start finally. Working on the basis of a single consolidated text, preferably with attributions and with the application of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, would give the IGN a substantive meaning and accelerate the process by providing a clear basis for negotiations.
- B) The process itself needs to be more transparent as the current IGN are far from the normal process within the General Assembly. Without official records and webcasting of our sessions it will be difficult to secure so much needed institutional memory.
- C) The discussions from now on have to be focused and results-oriented. Unfortunately, countless repetition of well-known positions leads to nowhere. The only reasonable way forward should be real negotiations, real give-and-takes and proper discussion on the concrete proposals.
- D) The co-chairs should table a single and consolidated text reflecting the work on all previous cluster negotiations and the existing “framework” and “element” papers. We believe that this year’s IGN will not finish tomorrow and that more meetings will be called in May and June in order to discuss the content of updated co-chairs’ document.

I thank you.