

STATEMENT

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ON

**AGENDA ITEM 121:
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IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND OTHER
MATTERS RELATED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL"**

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Mr. President,

My delegation attaches great importance to the subject before us.

Let me begin by commending Ambassador Courtenay Rattray of Jamaica, the outgoing Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on reform of the Security Council.

His dedication and commitment to moving forward the negotiations at the 69th Session of the General Assembly was commendable indeed.

I also congratulate H.E. Ambassador Sylvie Lucas, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg on her appointment to Chair the Intergovernmental Negotiations.

It is an honourous task. I do not envy her. Nevertheless, I am confident she will be able to build on her predecessor's work as the basis of our efforts to advance reform of the Security Council.

I assure her of my delegation's support and cooperation.

Mr. President,

My delegation fully aligns itself with the statement delivered earlier by the distinguished representative of Sierra Leone on behalf of the African Group.

Kenya re-affirms her full support and commitment to the Common African Position and Africa's legitimate claim embodied in the Ezulwini Consensus.

Mr. President,

My delegation is pleased that the African Group statement has comprehensively touched on the substantive issues on Security Council reform that are of the greatest concern to Africa and the wider UN membership.

In the interest of brevity and to avoid repetition, my delegation would like to take this opportunity to highlight the following points:

1. I believe I speak for many here when I say that our countries occasionally come under undue pressure on issues of transparency and accountability at the national level. Unfortunately, in the context of governance of international institutions, this is not the case.
2. As the principle organ responsible for maintenance of international peace and security, the Security Council exemplifies a structure that is not compatible with the current realities of the world.

3. It does not reflect the current world power distribution and geopolitical situation. The Council's small size and exclusive nature, its relations with the General Assembly, its working methods and undemocratic nature, is out of step with today's demands.
4. It is antiquated and ill-adapted to fulfill its tasks. Some regions of the world do not have representation on the Council. Indeed, a considerable portion of the UN's global constituency is un-represented and unheard in the administration of global affairs.
5. They do not have a say in the policies that directly affect them. Africa, which provides a very large share of the UN's security agenda and is also the focus of considerable work of the organization, has no voice in the Council.
6. This is not only discriminatory but unfair and unjust.

My delegation is convinced that it is imperative that the Council is able to meet contemporary standards and demands of the 21st Century. It must meet expectations of legitimacy based on accountability and democracy in its decision-making procedures and representation.

Mr. President,

It is therefore, incumbent upon us - the United Nations membership to collectively ensure the Security Council reform process moves forward in accordance with the five guiding principles outlined in General Assembly decision 62/557.

Finally, **Mr. President**, my delegation looks forward to engaging in open and transparent negotiations, where the entire membership has an equal voice.

We believe the work carried out thus far provides a valuable basis for our collective efforts to work towards reform of the Security Council.

We must build on this as part of our efforts to make the United Nations a more efficient and effective instrument in the service of all the peoples of the world.

Mr. President, I thank you for your attention.