

**Statement
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Mr. President,

At the outset, my delegation would like to express our sincere thanks to you, Mr. President, for convening this important meeting on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council. We would like to also congratulate on the re-appointment and appointment of H.E. Ambassador Alya bint Ahmed Al Thani, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations, and H.E. Ambassador Martin Bille Hermann, Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations, respectively, as Co-Chairs of the Inter-Governmental Negotiations on the Security Council.

Mr. President,

The Lao PDR reiterates that, through the reform process, the United Nations needs to be more responsive and effective in order to address the emerging challenges that threaten international peace, security and sustainable development.

The Lao PDR reaffirms its support to the reform of the United Nations Security Council through the Intergovernmental Negotiations process, and believes that this process should remain the main mechanism for discussion in order to achieve our common objective.

As we all are aware, the UNSC reform is of particular importance. Therefore, it should be pursued in a comprehensive, balanced, inclusive, transparent manner and based on consensus in order to maintain unity and solidarity among its membership and serve the interest of all UN member states.

My delegation is of the view that taking into consideration the interests of both the developing and developed member states with equitable geographical representation should form a crucial foundation for finding a common formula for all groups of countries and member states.

We, therefore, reiterate our support for expanding both types of representation in the UNSC, namely permanent and non-permanent seats, with equitable and balanced representation from each region.

Mr. President,

I wish to conclude by reasserting our full support to the IGN process in our efforts to reform the Security Council. I thank you.