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Statement by H.E. Ambassador Daw Penjo, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Bhutan at the Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on 20 July 2006 under Agenda Items: 117 – Question of Equitable Representation and on Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and 120, Follow-up to the Outcome of the Millennium Summit.

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to commend you for convening this plenary meeting to continue with our efforts to reform the Security Council, an issue that has been before us for a very long time. It is obvious that no reform of the United Nations would be complete without a comprehensive reform of the Security Council. As stated by others, my delegation has always supported the need to change the structure of the Security Council to reflect the realities of today's world and to improve the working methods in order to be more open and inclusive. Only through a comprehensive reform will the Security Council become more representative, democratic and therefore more legitimate.

My delegation believes that draft resolution L. 46 submitted by India, Brazil and Germany meet the desire of the membership to make the Security Council more effective and reflective of the current world situation and it contains proposals to change the structure as well as improve the working methods. The proposals to improve the working methods provides much scope for small countries like mine to be more closely involved in the work of the Council. It also provides a basis on which the General Assembly can work towards a comprehensive reform of the Security Council. My delegation believes that the sponsors of L. 46 are ready to work with all delegations to arrive at a formula that will command the widest support of member states.

Mr. President

My delegation hopes that the General Assembly seize this opportunity provided by L. 46 to bring about genuine and comprehensive reform of the Security Council.

Thank you, Mr. President.