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Informal meeting 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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C0-Chairs,

Micronesia aligns itself with the statement by the distinguished representative of St. Kitts and Nevis on behalf of the L.69 Group.

As a small island developing state Micronesia aligns with the principles of fairness, inclusivity, and representation that underpin the ongoing discussions on the reform of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). We commend the efforts of the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) and the contributions of Member States in advancing this critical agenda.

Micronesia, as a Small Island Developing State (SIDS), has consistently emphasized the importance of ensuring that the Security Council reflects the realities of the 21st century. The current structure, established in the aftermath of World War II, no longer adequately represents the geopolitical and demographic shifts that have occurred over the decades. The voices of developing nations, particularly those from Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America, and the Caribbean remain underrepresented in both permanent and non-permanent categories of membership.

As a member of the L69 Group, we strongly support the group's call for a more representative, transparent and an accountable Security Council. Its advocacy for an increase in both permanent and non-permanent seats with enhanced representation for developing countries resonates deeply with Micronesia's vision for a reformed Council. We also reaffirm our commitment to the Common African Position, as articulated in the Ezulwini Consensus and the Sirte Declaration, which underscores the need for equitable representation for Africa. And speaking on behalf of Micronesia, I reiterate our position of support for Brazil, Germany, India, and Japan, as permanent members on a reformed Security Council.

Micronesia believes that the inclusion of Small Island Developing States and other vulnerable nations in the decision-making processes of the UNSC is essential to address global challenges effectively. Issues such as climate change, which disproportionately affect SIDS, must be given due consideration in the Council's deliberations. A reformed UNSC must prioritize the voices of those most affected by global crises to ensure comprehensive and sustainable solutions. For this reason why Micronesia continues to advocate for the inclusion of a rotated seat reserved for the SIDS.

Micronesia reiterates its commitment to working collaboratively with Member States to achieve a Security Council that is more inclusive, representative, and reflective of the aspirations of all countries. We urge all stakeholders to engage constructively and expedite the reform process to uphold the principles of justice and equity enshrined in the United Nations Charter.

Thank you, Co-Chairs.