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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, Co-Chairs,

My delegation aligns with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of St. Lucia on behalf of the L.69 group, and would like to convey our strong support for the ongoing discussions surrounding Security Council reform.

Co-Chairs,

We continue to stress the importance of the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN), even though the process has been long and difficult. Every year, we share our views and concerns, hoping for real progress. Although progress remains slower than desired, it is still essential to persist in efforts to reform the Security Council so that it reflects today's realities and more effectively serves all Member States.

Co-Chairs,

My delegation is pleased to contribute its perspectives on the representation of Latin America and the Asia-Pacific region on the Security Council, as well as on cross-regional representation. It is our firm view that any reformed Council must be more representative, transparent, and accountable if it is to preserve its legitimacy and effectively respond to contemporary peace and security challenges.

With respect to Latin America and the Caribbean, and to Asia-Pacific, current membership no longer reflects contemporary political, demographic and economic realities. These regions comprise a large share of the United Nations membership and population, yet their presence on the Council, particularly in the permanent category, remains limited. A credible reform outcome should therefore include an increase in seats for both regions and must include Brazil, India, and Japan to be permanent members on a reformed Security Council.

An enhanced cross-regional representation is essential to ensure that all groups of States, including small island developing States and other vulnerable countries, are better reflected in the Council's work. A dedicated and elected seat for SIDS must be provided at the table.

We also support a reform process that makes sure all member states, especially those most affected by the Council's decisions, are heard. This means not only expanding membership but also making decision-making more open and inclusive, so every region is fairly represented.

Finally, my delegation reiterates that progress on regional and cross-regional representation should be captured in a more structured, text-based manner, in line with the convergences that have emerged over successive IGN cycles. Micronesia stands ready to engage constructively with all delegations to achieve a balanced, inclusive reform that responds to the legitimate aspirations of Latin America, Asia-Pacific and other underrepresented regions, while reinforcing the overall legitimacy and effectiveness of the Security Council.

Thank you.