

The General Assembly

Reaffirming that **the Member States** of the United Nations have conferred on the Security Council primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, **acting on their behalf, as provided for by the Charter of the United Nations,**

Recalling the provisions relating to the powers and functions of the General Assembly in matters **pertaining** to the maintenance of international peace and security, in particular Article 11, Article 12, paragraph 1, Article 15, paragraph 1 and Article 24, paragraph 3,

Stressing the special responsibility of the Permanent Members of the Security Council to uphold the purposes and principles of the Charter and to give their full support to the actions of the Organization **aimed at maintaining** international peace and security,

Noting with appreciation the work carried out by the Open-Ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council,

Acknowledging the significant steps taken by the Security Council to enhance inclusion and representation of the general membership,

Emphasizing the need for further measures to ensure accountability, transparency, inclusion, representation and legitimacy of the work of the Security Council, with a view to further enhancing its effectiveness,

***Reaffirming* its support for early reform of the Security Council as an essential element of the overall effort to reform the United Nations, as stated in the 2005 World Summit Outcome Document,**

***Acknowledging* that efforts to improve the working methods of the Security Council promote a comprehensive reform of the Security Council, including the increase in its membership,**

1. *Invites* the Security Council to consider the measures contained in the annex to the present resolution in order to further enhance inclusion, transparency, accountability and legitimacy of its work with a view to strengthening its effectiveness;
2. *Further invites* the Security Council to report to the General Assembly, by the end of its 60th session, on the implementation of the present resolution.

Annex

Measures on Working Methods suggested for consideration by the Security Council

Relationship with the General Assembly and other principal organs

1. The Members of the Security Council should engage in an informal, interactive discussion on the annual report of the **Security Council**, when it is considered by the General Assembly.
2. The Security Council should submit **periodically**, in accordance with Article 24, paragraph 3, of the Charter, **special subject-oriented reports to the General Assembly for its consideration on issues of current international concern**, including on issues such as termination of peace-keeping operations, imposition of enforcement measures and other topics of relevance to the membership as a whole.
3. More substantive exchanges of views among the Security Council, the General Assembly and Economic and Social Council should be established on a frequent basis and as a standard operating procedure. The procedures governing this interaction should be disseminated to the larger membership.
4. The incoming **Security Council** President should hold consultations open to the larger UN membership on the monthly forecast.
5. The Security Council should **assume legislative functions in exceptional circumstances only and in these instances should** ensure that the views of the **Member States and their ability to implement decisions** are taken into account in the decision-making process.

Implementation of decisions

6. The Security Council should explore ways to assess the extent to which its decisions have been implemented. To this end, the **Security Council** should establish lessons-learned groups tasked with
 - assessing whether Security Council decisions have been implemented,
 - analyzing obstacles to implementation and reasons for non-implementation,
 - suggesting mechanisms or measures on the basis of best practices aimed at enhancing implementation.

Subsidiary bodies

7. The **Security Council**'s subsidiary bodies should include in their work, on a case-by-case basis, non-Members with strong interest and relevant expertise.
8. The Security Council should take steps to improve the quality and frequency of formal and informal reports on the work of all its subsidiary bodies.

9. The President of the Security Council and the Chairpersons of its subsidiary bodies should offer informal opportunities for other Member States to provide substantive input to their work.
10. The Security Council should give States confronted with special economic problems arising from preventive or enforcement measures imposed by the **Security** Council the opportunity to consult with the relevant Sanctions Committee on a timely, efficient, and substantive basis, in accordance with Article 50 of the UN Charter.
11. Where sanctions involve lists of individuals or entities, Sanctions Committees should establish procedures, reflecting standards of due process, to review the cases of those claiming to have been incorrectly placed or retained on such lists.
12. The Security Council should explore ways to increase the transparency of the work of its Sanctions Committees, *inter alia* by making summary records more widely and promptly available and by inviting affected non-Members to participate in its meetings, upon their request.

Use of the veto

13. A **Permanent** Member using its veto should explain the reason for doing so to the General Assembly within **five working** days after the relevant resolution was rejected in the Security Council.
14. A negative vote cast by a Permanent Member should not be considered a non-concurring vote in the sense of Article 27, paragraph 3, of the Charter if that **Permanent** Member so declares.
15. No Permanent Member should cast a non-concurring vote in the sense of Art. 27, paragraph 3, of the Charter in the event of genocide, **crimes against humanity and** serious violations of international humanitarian law.

Operations mandated / carried out by the SC

16. The **Security** Council should ensure that all Member States are fully and promptly informed of all developments regarding its missions, including on budgetary aspects.
17. The Security Council should enhance consultations with troop-contributing countries (TCCs) and other States that are particularly affected or involved, at any stage of an operation involving particular risks for the deployed personnel.

Integration of new Members

18. The Security Council Affairs Division should be tasked with identifying best practices employed by Members of the Security Council to consult with **non-Members with a view** to incorporate these practices into the Security Council's Provisional Rules of Procedure and into briefings given to candidates for election to the Security Council **as well as** to newly-elected Members of the **Security Council**. **Regular and timely consultations between Members and non-Members of the Security Council should be** established as part of the standard operating procedures of the **Security Council**
19. In order to facilitate the integration of newly-elected Members of the **Security Council**, the UN secretariat should prepare and disseminate a detailed briefing packet on the procedures, practices and work of the **Security Council**.