



**Statement by H.E. Dr. R.M. Marty M. Natalegawa  
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at the Meeting of 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**

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**Mr. President,**

I join others in thanking you for convening this meeting.

My delegation very much appreciates you and your Task Force efforts, in seeking to advance the crucial and difficult agenda of a comprehensive reform of the Security Council. We congratulate, in particular, the appointment of the distinguished Permanent Representative of Djibouti to the Task Force.

**Mr. President,**

We support the seven principles for undertaking Security Council reform, which were laid down by you in November 2007, and reiterated at the last debate in December.

We wish, once again, to underline the need for transparency and inclusiveness in the efforts to prepare the framework for intergovernmental negotiating process. In this connection, the best means for maintaining transparency is through this Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) in which no countries are excluded. It is our expectation that all formal deliberations on the Council's reform will take place in the OEWG. This would enhance the trust and understanding between the member states on the complex questions of Council's reform.

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**Mr. President,**

My delegation has taken note of the important inputs by the various parties as enclosed in your recent letter. We value the efforts by different groups in seeking to present practical ideas for the transitional arrangement. However, we have to acknowledge there are still no significant agreements on what are the 'negotiables' and 'procedural framework' among the member states. Further consultations for identifying the negotiables and framework are required before proceeding to the stage of intergovernmental negotiations.

For Indonesia, it is clear that the papers produced by the facilitators last year, although they did not, and perhaps could not, contain the perfect solution for all delegations, remain a good basis for moving forward. These documents can be seen as a framework for future negotiations.

We identify promises in the concept of 'intermediate approach'.

We believe that at this juncture and given certain realities, the debate on Council's enlargement should focus only on the category of non-permanent membership, addressing the under representation of developing countries, especially from Asia and Africa. In this respect, the principle of rotation offers promise. Along side, it is important that the negotiations also cover the aspect of a more balanced representation, reflecting the rich diversity of civilization of our world.

Any proposals that would lead to over representation of a region should be avoided. We need to have a balanced reflection of the world views at the Council thereby enhancing the Council's legitimacy and effectiveness.

At this juncture, we will not dwell on the question of reform in the working methods of the Security Council, including the issue of veto. Suffice to state the need for any inter governmental negotiating process to address this issue, to ensure a more inclusive and transparent functioning of the Council.

Some final thoughts, Mr. President. We deem consensus on all aspects of Security Council reform, including its composition and working methods, as key. Unilateral proposal, which are divisive in nature cannot be accepted. We also deem it essential, Mr. President, that the process of discussion on Security Council reform be transparent and inclusive.

My delegation reiterates its commitment and support to you, Mr. President, the Task Force members, as well as all member states, in continuing to work for realizing the aims of Security Council reform through the OEWG.

Thank you.