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Thank you, Co-Chairs, for your revised elements paper.

At a time when reform of the Security Council is ever more necessary to deliver on the 'peace and security' pillar of the United Nations, we appreciate your efforts to move us towards genuine reform in the interests of our organization and the people we serve. We note that this year you have made additions more on 'divergences' than the 'convergences'. We do not believe, as one might assume, that this is evidence that States are moving away from each other. Instead, we see it as a helpful way to reflect the issues that have been brought to the table under the banner of reform. We hope to work on these divergences as a matter of priority going forward.

On a similar note, we see the reference to a 'bridging proposal' in the text. We do think it is important that such proposals are put forward as a pathway to genuine reform and thank you for doing so. This being said, we note that this proposal is presented as something that has been 'introduced', especially given the IGN as a whole to our understanding has not formally discussed

the proposal. All States have a stake in Council reform and the process should address these needs equitably.

Let us, in addition, address a couple of issues in which we see important developments both inside and outside the IGN.

In the first Section, we are pleased to see new references to the Pact for the Future in paragraph 19. In paragraph 8, though Liechtenstein does not primarily see the full and consistent implementation of Article 27(3) as ‘a practical avenue to constrain the use of the veto’ as has been added this year. Instead, we see the entirety of Article 27(3) as a binding obligation that falls equally on all Member States – and thus on all Council Members, whether or not they wield the veto. Indeed, the initiative we have put forward with a core group outside of the framework of the IGN is an effort to ensure the full and consistent application by all of a Charter provision of essential importance. While we believe that the full implementation of Article 27(3) is an important issue, we note the comments by Egypt earlier that it is not a substitute in itself for Security Council reform. Of course, we do acknowledge that it has implications for the cluster on the veto among others. With respect to that section in your paper, we believe that the issues created by the use of the veto should be addressed on their own merits. Indeed, in Liechtenstein’s model we have a separate provision that is ‘aimed at placing restrictions on the use of the veto’.

In Section II, we note that there has been a new resolution on the revitalization of the General Assembly, resolution 79/327, agreed by consensus since the publication of the last elements paper. While we reiterate that the revitalization of the General Assembly is of course not a substitute for Council reform, we note that there are elements from this resolution, notably with respect to the role and authority of the General Assembly, that may touch upon its mutually reinforcing relationship with the Council. We would ask the co-chairs accordingly to see if there are areas to draw from in that resolution in this respect.

In the fifth section, we appreciate the visibility you have given to Liechtenstein's model for reform. This being said, we are concerned that the section divides approaches into those looking to expand non-permanent seats only with those looking to expand into both permanent and non-permanent categories. In this respect we would note that Liechtenstein's model allows for de facto permanent incumbency, by eliminating the prohibition on immediate re-election in Charter Article 23(2) for its long-term seats. This is an important aspect of our proposal which we hope contributes to the overall need to bridge divides among the Membership.