

61/561. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters

At its 109th plenary meeting, on 17 September 2007, the General Assembly, recalling its previous relevant resolutions and decisions, having considered the report 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, which was established pursuant to its resolution 48/26 of 3 December 1993, on its deliberations during the sixty-first session of the Assembly,²³ bearing in mind the United Nations Millennium Declaration of 8 September 2000, adopted by Heads of State and Government,²⁴ in which they resolved to intensify their efforts to achieve a comprehensive reform of the Security Council in all its aspects, and recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome of 16 September 2005,²⁵ in which Heads of State and Government expressed support for early reform of the Council and recommended that the Council continue to adapt its working methods:

(a) Took note of the report of the Working Group on its work during the sixty-first session of the General Assembly;²³

(b) Noted with appreciation the Chairperson's initiative to stimulate an active discussion relating to the comprehensive reform of the Security Council by the Working Group;

(c) Urged the Working Group to exert efforts during the sixty-second session, aimed at achieving general agreement among Member States in the consideration of all issues relevant to the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council;

(d) Decided that the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council should be considered during the sixty-second session of the General Assembly so that further concrete results may be achieved, including through intergovernmental negotiations, building on the progress achieved so far, particularly at the sixty-first session, as well as the positions of and proposals made by Member States;

(e) Also decided that the Working Group should continue its work, taking into account the progress achieved during the forty-eighth to sixty-first sessions of the General Assembly and drawing on the experience of the sixty-first session, as well as the views to be expressed during the sixty-second session, and also taking into consideration the discussion on the process of implementation of the 2005 World Summit Outcome;²⁵

(f) Further decided that the Working Group should submit a report to the General Assembly before the end of its sixty-second session, including any agreed recommendations.