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Excellency

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly Decision 68/557 of 8 September 2014, by which the Assembly re-affirmed "the central role of the General Assembly on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the Membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council."

Member States will recall that the General Assembly decided to, inter alia, "immediately continue the intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council Reform in informal plenary of the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session

In my acceptance speech on 11 June 2014 and in my opening statement at the general debate of the sixty-ninth session on 24 September 2014, I underscored the need to make progress on the reform of the Security Council as envisaged in the 2005 World Summit outcome. I have held consultations and believe that an early resumption of the intergovernmental negotiation process is necessary. In this regard, I encourage Member States to move the process to text based negotiations.

I have the honour to inform you that, I have appointed H.E Mr. Courtenay Rattray, Permanent Representative of Jamaica as Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations.

I would like to thank Ambassador Rattray for accepting this very crucial responsibility and trust that you will extend full support and cooperation to him.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

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