

**G-4 Directors General and Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Meeting –  
Joint Statement – New York City, 2 February 2017**

1. The Directors General (DGs) on United Nations Affairs and Permanent Representatives to the United Nations in New York of the G<sub>4</sub> countries (Brazil, India, Japan and Germany) met at the invitation of Germany in New York City on 2 February 2017 to discuss the reform of the United Nations Security Council. The previous meeting took place in Tokyo on 6 June 2016.
2. Based on the understanding that a strong, more representative and effective Security Council is more important than ever, the G<sub>4</sub> discussed recent developments at the Inter-Governmental Negotiations (IGN) and noticed growing convergences among the positions of Member States across all five pillars of the reform. They welcomed the wish of the overwhelming majority of Member States to swiftly move towards text-based negotiations. The G<sub>4</sub> expressed full support for the new Chairs of the IGN during the 71st GA Session, the Permanent Representatives of Tunisia and Romania, in their important role of leading Member States to a concrete outcome of the process and initiating text-based negotiations without further delay.
3. The G<sub>4</sub> confirmed their resolve to work together with all Member States, including within the IGN process, and to accelerate outreach towards achieving an early reform of the Security Council. In this regard, the G<sub>4</sub> welcomed the acknowledgment by Secretary General António Guterres of the need for Security Council reform. To this end, the G<sub>4</sub> also underscored the important role the Secretary General can play in supporting meaningful progress.
4. The G<sub>4</sub> welcomed the development of the Group of Friends on Security Council Reform since its Ministerial/Senior Official level meeting on 21 September 2016 in New York. The group comprises reform-oriented Member States including from the C<sub>10</sub>, L<sub>69</sub>, CARICOM, Nordics, as well as from Eastern Europe and Asia, the G<sub>4</sub>, France and the United Kingdom. It also welcomes new members committed to its principles of early reform, text-based negotiations and the expansion of the Security Council in both the permanent and non-permanent category of seats.
5. The G<sub>4</sub> reiterated their commitments as aspiring new permanent members of the reformed Security Council, as well as their support for each other's candidatures. They reaffirmed the importance of developing countries, in particular from Africa, to be represented in both the permanent and non-permanent categories of an enlarged and reformed Security Council.
6. The DGs agreed that Brazil will host the next meeting.