Statement

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Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations
866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 531, New York, NY 10017
Distinguished Co-Chairs,

Allow me first to congratulate both of you on your appointment to steer these Intergovernmental Negotiations and let me express my delegation’s support to you.

Lebanon associates itself with the remarks made by the distinguished Permanent Representative of Kuwait on behalf of the Arab Group.

Distinguished Co-Chairs,

Few months from now, we will mark the 75th anniversary of the creation of the UN under the theme: “The Future we want the UN we need: Reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism”.

There is no doubt that reaffirming true commitment to multilateralism entails an adequate reform of the Security Council.

Given its primary role in the maintenance of peace and security, it goes without saying that a more representative Security Council is needed, with more transparency and responsiveness in addressing matters on its agenda.

Because of this role, a comprehensive reform on the five different clusters must garner the widest possible support.

These past years, initiatives outside the IGN, in the form of voluntary commitments were promoted and garnered an overwhelming support. Am referring to the ACT Code of Conduct and the French-Mexican initiative, two complementary commitments that Lebanon has joined in 2015.

Distinguished Co-Chairs

As you know, the situation in many Arab States remains unfortunately at the core of the Council’s agenda. Hence, the importance of enhanced representation for Arab Countries in case of an expansion of the Council membership.

Lebanon will follow this process and reiterates its support to the work of the Co-Chairs.

Thank you.