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Statement by the Micronesia Delegation

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Mr. Chairperson,

The distinguished Permanent Representative of St. Vincent and the Grenadines has spoken for all the members of the L.69 group, including the Federated States of Micronesia, on the issue of the intergovernmental negotiations on the equitable representation on and Increase of the membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Council. My delegation fully supports the views that were expressed, and so I wish in this brief statement to underscore the particular importance my delegation places on the progress made during the past years, and the need for this informal plenary of the General Assembly on the intergovernmental negotiations to ensure that progress continues.

Mr. Chairperson,

For nearly twenty years, the United Nations membership endured the endless discussions in the Open-ended Working Group (OEGW) on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase of the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council. Now, we are confronted by the fact that despite progress achieved when members finally abandoned the endless OEGW discussions, and launched the informal plenary of this General Assembly - nearly ten years on and our goal remains elusive.

Mr. Chairperson,

The intergovernmental negotiation, in our view, is the appropriate forum in which to conduct our consultations and negotiations on the reform of the Security Council. What this intergovernmental process seeks should be a negotiating text that you Mr. Chair, must be able to table to serve as the basis of our negotiations. Such negotiating text in an UN intergovernmental process has a special role and is appropriate in this kind of process, just like in all other UN intergovernmental process. My delegation humbly requests that you should do this and without delay.

Finally, Mr. Chairperson, we are all aware of the very heavy schedule of major conferences and other meetings that are taking place at the United Nations and elsewhere. These meetings are necessary for the advancement of the UN agenda, and it's equally important that small island developing states, like mine, participate actively and with continuity. But in this landmark year in the history of the United Nations, being the 70th anniversary of our Organization, and also the tenth year since the 2005 World Summit Outcome called for the early reforms of the Council, we hope for the prudent utilization of our time to ensure that the needed reforms come to fruition during this historic year.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson