Statement
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“Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters”

Mr. President,

First of all, I wish to thank to you, Mr. President for convening this important consultation on the theme on the Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters.

My delegation would like to align itself with the statement made on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement at the General Assembly, this morning.

I would like to congratulate H.E. Ambassador Courtenay Rattray of Jamaica for his appointment as the new Chair of the Inter-governmental Negotiations.

Cambodia welcomes the adoption of “the Oral Statement by the 68th Session of the President of the United Nations General Assembly on the Question of equitable representation in September 2014 to pave the way forward for further Inter-Governmental Negotiations at this 69th Session of the UNGA. While rendering its full support for the continued on-going Inter-governmental Negotiations this year, Cambodia is ready to work with all Member States of the UN to move on with the process.

We observe that over the years, we had quite a number of consultations on the United Nations Reform and we have arrived at the consultations of today’s theme. However, we have not yet found any common ground on a clear framework or any basic documents to start with. This is largely due to our divergent views and partly because we have not positively responded and lived up to the commitment as stated in the 2005 Summit.

While commending the assessment of the 10th round of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters by Ambassador Zahir Tanin, former Chair of the Inter-governmental Negotiations, my delegation firmly believes that we need to build our momentum from the last round of consultations on the issue.

At the annual General Debate of the 69th Session of the UNGA in September 2014, we have heard the concerns over the emerging challenges, ranging from communicable diseases to ranging conflicts and instability which may affect regions and many parts of the world. We have heard the imminent need for the United Nations to change things within the UN system since the UN Organization today is completely different from the one created almost 70 years ago where only 51 countries existed at that time.
Therefore, my delegation believes that the year 2015 is a crucial year as the UN will celebrate the 70th anniversary of its creation and the 10th anniversary of the 2005 World Summit where world leaders agreed to reform the United Nations to meet the need of today’s geo-politic and global challenges.

It is certain that the Security Council, as a body mandated with the primary responsibility for maintenance of international peace and security should represent today’s world’s realities. In this regard, my delegation is of the view that the Security Council should be expanded to include both Permanent and Non-Permanent Membership in an equitable manner to cope with the global challenges. More importantly, the UNSC reform should be done in a manner to include representations equitably and geographically from all UN member States, including developing countries.

My delegation views that there is a need for a set of guidelines for the UNSC’s Permanent seat to be extended to the UN member states which have all the capacities and commitments to substantially contribute to maintaining international peace and security in the world.

Thank you.