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## IPPG STRATEGIC STATEMENT

# United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Reform and African Representation

The International Perspective for Policy and Governance (IPPG) fully endorses the resolute calls by African leaders at the ongoing United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) for the long-overdue reform of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) and a permanent seat for Africa to ensure the Council reflects the realities of today's global geopolitical landscape.

For decades, there have been demands for greater inclusivity and fairness in the Council's decision-making processes, particularly the inclusion of permanent representation for Africa. Currently, the Council's structure, which grants permanent seats and veto power to only five countries (the United States, Russia, China, France, and the United Kingdom), does not reflect Africa's growing influence on the global stage. With 54 member states in the UN, Africa remains the only region without permanent representation on the UNSC, despite being directly affected by many of the Council's decisions regarding peace, security, and conflict resolution.

The current African common position, known as the "[Ezulwini Consensus](#)" adopted by the African Union (AU) in March 2005, calls for two permanent seats for Africa on the UNSC with all the prerogatives and privileges of permanent membership, including the right of Veto, and five non-permanent seats.

IPPG believes that granting Africa a permanent seat on the UNSC is not only a matter of fairness, but also crucial for advancing global peace, security, and sustainable development. Africa is a region rich in human and natural resources, with immense potential and geopolitical importance, and its absence from the Council undermines the legitimacy of its decisions. As the continent faces increasing security challenges and opportunities for growth, it is important that African perspectives are fully integrated into the highest decision-making body responsible for maintaining international peace.

We acknowledge that this call has gained global momentum with the adoption of the [Pact for the Future](#), by world leaders which, among other things, highlights priorities for reform and outlines plans to improve the effectiveness and representativeness of the UNSC, including addressing the historical under-representation of Africa.

Additionally, we recognize the '[U.S. governments](#)' call for two permanent seats for Africa on the UNSC, albeit without veto rights. We emphasize that while these proposals are important, they must fully address Africa's rightful role in global governance.

Making this a reality will not be an easy task, given the stringent requirements under Article 108 of the UN Charter, which necessitate the support of all Permanent Five (P5) members and a two-thirds majority of UN member states in the General Assembly. However, the widespread recognition of the need for Africa's representation on UNSC provides a strong foundation for progress

IPPG reaffirms its support for the urgent need for reform of the UNSC to include permanent African representation. While the path to achieving this is undoubtedly complex, the momentum gained from global recognition, along with the unwavering commitment of African leaders and key allies, signals that real progress is possible. As we move forward, IPPG will continue its consultations and advocacy efforts to explore sustainable pathways that make this vision a reality.

Long Live Africa!  
Long Live the United Nations!

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