



To the President of the Security Council
for the month of October 2022
H.E. Mr. Michel Xavier Biang
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Excellency, *Che Michel*

I am writing on behalf of 26 members* of the Accountability, Coherence and Transparency (ACT) Group, which is comprised of member states from all regional groups. The ACT Group advocates for Security Council working methods that meet higher standards of efficiency, as well as accountability towards and inclusion of the wider UN membership. The group promotes a more transparent, effective and efficient United Nations.

In this context, the ACT Group wishes to draw your attention to operative paragraph 3 of General Assembly Resolution 76/262, otherwise known as the 'Veto Initiative'. This paragraph invites the Council, in accordance with Article 24(3) of the Charter of the United Nations, to produce a special report on the use of the veto in question to the General Assembly "before the relevant discussion in the Assembly". The Council has fully implemented this paragraph in the relevant cases since its adoption.

The ACT Group therefore welcomes the Security Council's continuation of this practice with regard to the veto cast on 30 September 2022, in producing a special report in advance of the meeting of the 11th Emergency Special Session on 10 October 2022. In accordance with the terms of the above-mentioned resolution 76/262, we consider the meeting of the Emergency Special Session to be "the relevant discussion", mandated by operative paragraph 1, before which the special report is to be submitted.

The Veto Initiative is an important element in shaping the relationship between the General Assembly and the Security Council, and we welcome the fact that the Security Council has established a consistent practice with respect to its implementation. We look forward to continued cooperation of the Security Council in this respect.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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