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Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, United Kingdom of
Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and
Uzbekistan: amendments to draft resolution A/53/L.16**

1. In the fourth preambular paragraph, delete the words “matters relating to”.
2. In the fifth preambular paragraph, replace the words “which reaffirmed the determination” by the words “which, *inter alia*, reaffirmed their determination”.
3. Delete the sixth preambular paragraph.
4. In operative paragraph 1, reword the existing text to read as follows:
“1. *Stresses* that the matter of Security Council reform deserves urgent attention, while recognizing the need to allow Member States adequate time to further reflect on the question with a view to identifying solutions on which general agreement can be reached”.
5. Replace operative paragraph 2 with the following:
“2. *Considers* that the notion of general agreement referred to in its resolution 48/26 implies the consent of no less than two thirds of the States Members of the United Nations”.