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### Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council

#### **Letter dated 2 May 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly**

In my capacity as Chair of the group of Western European and other States for the month of May 2017, I have the honour to inform you that, further to our letter to the President of the General Assembly dated 29 June 2016 ([A/70/964](#)), Italy relinquishes its seat on the Security Council effective at the end of the day (midnight) on 31 December 2017.

I also have the honour to recall that, for the required by-election, scheduled for 2 June 2017, the Kingdom of the Netherlands is the endorsed and only candidate of the Western European and other States for the remainder of the current Council term (1 January-31 December 2018).

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 112 (a).

(Signed) Jan **Kickert**  
Permanent Representative

