Letter dated 20 June 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing to you on behalf of Costa Rica, Jordan, Liechtenstein, Singapore and Switzerland (the “S-5” group).

As you are aware, the “S-5” group has taken a particular interest in the issue of the working methods of the Security Council. The members of the group therefore welcomed the note by the President of the Council on this issue (S/2006/507) as a significant step in the process of improving the working methods of the Council.

Given the importance of this topic, we would appreciate an exchange of views on both the implementation of the measures contained in the note by the President and on possible additional measures that would benefit the Security Council in carrying out its mandate. Taking into consideration the interest of the membership as a whole, we ask the Council to convene a meeting on this topic and to invite all interested non-members to participate.

We would be grateful if you would circulate this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Peter Maurer
Ambassador
Permanent Representative