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Viet Nam assumes the presidency of the Security Council for the month of April 2021 in the context of the ongoing coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. Restrictions put in place by the authorities of the State and city of New York are still being imposed.

Taking into consideration the evolution of the pandemic and on the basis of the recent practices established by the Security Council, the presidency envisages that the majority of discussions of the Security Council during the month will take place virtually. For such videoconferences, the presidency will continue to implement the agreed working methods set out in the annex to the letter dated 7 May 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council ([S/2020/372](#)).

In-person meetings at United Nations Headquarters may be held on the basis of consensus of the members of the Security Council and will be conducted in compliance with the guidelines and measures set out in the annexes to the letters from the President of the Security Council for, respectively, July and October 2020 on working methods ([S/2020/639](#) and [S/2020/966](#)), with particular emphasis on the critical importance of fully observing public health guidelines, including wearing a mask at all times, including while delivering remarks.

In its efforts to enhance efficiency and transparency during this unprecedented time, the presidency also encourages the implementation of the notes by the President of the Security Council on working methods, which include the note by the President dated 30 August 2017 ([S/2017/507](#)).

The present methods and modalities of work are intended only to respond to the extraordinary circumstances related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and will not set a precedent for the future. They may be revised, adapted or suspended, subject to the agreement of all members of the Security Council.

(Signed) **Dang Dinh Quy**
President of the Security Council

