Security Council

Letter dated 5 October 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council

Kenya assumes the presidency of the Security Council on 1 October 2021 at a time when coronavirus disease (COVID-19) restrictions are slowly easing across the globe, particularly in the United States of America, including in New York City. While the situation is far from normal, especially with the Delta variant, the easing of restrictions in New York City provides an opportunity to hold meetings in person at United Nations Headquarters in a controlled environment.

Against this background, and adhering to the advice of the Division of Health-Care Management and Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Operational Support, the presidency plans to hold the majority of Security Council meetings in person, in the Security Council Chamber at United Nations Headquarters.

The conduct of meetings of the Security Council at United Nations Headquarters, including in the Security Council Chamber, shall be in compliance with public health guidelines. These include wearing a mask at all times, except when taking the floor. The presidency strongly encourages vaccination of delegates and Secretariat staff attending in-person meetings.

One high-level meeting is planned in virtual format. For this meeting, the presidency will continue to implement the relevant working methods set out in 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).

The current working methods and guidelines, which are a response to exceptional and unprecedented circumstances, will not set a precedent for the future and may be reviewed, adjusted or discontinued, subject to the agreement of all members of the Council.

(*Signed*) Martin **Kimani**
President of the Security Council

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