



Security Council

Distr.: General
10 November 2021

Original: English

Letter dated 10 November 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council

Mexico assumed the presidency of the Security Council on 1 November 2021, at a time when restrictions imposed as a response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) continue to ease.

The presidency will strive to return to the regular conduct of business by the Council, as provided in the Charter of the United Nations and the provisional rules of procedure, in a progressive and cautious manner.

The presidency plans to hold all meetings of the Council at United Nations Headquarters.

The conduct of meetings of the Council at Headquarters will be guided by the health and safety advice of the Secretariat, which includes wearing masks.

If the situation with regard to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) were to deteriorate during the month of November, the Council has the possibility of reverting to the 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 Council ([S/2020/372](#)).

Representatives of Member States that are not members of the Council and have been invited to participate in public meetings of the Council under rule 37 or 39 of the provisional rules of procedure or that have been invited by the presidency with the prior agreement of the Council will be allowed in the Council Chamber. In addition, Member States that are not members of the Council will continue to be able to participate in open debates through the submission of written statements. All Member States will be able to observe the meetings on United Nations Web TV.

In order to enhance efficiency and transparency during this unprecedented time, the presidency also encourages the implementation of note by the President of the Security Council [S/2017/507](#) and other relevant notes by the President on working methods.

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

(Signed) Juan Ramón de la Fuente Ramírez
President of the Security Council

