

Conference on Disarmament

21 February 2022

English

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Note verbale dated 17 February 2022 from the Permanent Representation of France to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva addressed to the presidency of the Conference on Disarmament

The Permanent Mission of France to the Conference on Disarmament presents its compliments to the presidency of the Conference and has the honour to inform the presidency that its delegation, whose entire diplomatic staff has tested positive for SARS-CoV-2, will be unable to participate in person in the plenary meeting scheduled for 18 February 2022, in accordance with the sanitary rules currently applicable at the Palais des Nations.

It would therefore be grateful if the presidency and the secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament, in conjunction with the United Nations Office at Geneva, would take the necessary steps to hold the meeting in hybrid format, with interpretation into the six official languages of the Conference, so that it may participate. The presidency should bear in mind that, in the absence of these means of remote participation or in the event of an objection by one delegation or more to the holding of the meeting in hybrid format, France will be unable to consider and will certainly be unable to approve any document or documents that may be submitted on that date for its approval. It will request the presidency to defer their examination until such time as the conditions are met for the participation of France in the work of the Conference (CD/8/Rev.9, article 18).

The Permanent Representation of France requests the presidency of the Conference on Disarmament to have this note verbale recorded by the Secretary as a document of the Conference on Disarmament and to have it circulated it to all members and observers by 18 February 2022.

The Permanent Representation of France to the Conference on Disarmament takes this opportunity to convey to the presidency of the Conference on Disarmament the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 17 February 2022

