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China assumes the presidency of the Security Council for the month of May 2021 in the context of the ongoing coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

Taking into consideration the evolution of the pandemic and based on the recent practices established by the Security Council, the presidency envisages a combination of informal videoconferences and in-person meetings for the work of the Council in May.

For the informal videoconferences, the presidency will continue to implement the agreed working methods set out in the letters from the President of the Security Council for March and May 2020 ([S/2020/253](#) and [S/2020/372](#)).

Subject to the consensus of the Security Council, in-person meetings at United Nations Headquarters will be conducted in compliance with guidelines and measures set out in the letter from the President of the Security Council for October 2020 on working methods ([S/2020/966](#)).

The current 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) **Zhang Jun**
President of the Security Council

