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Letter dated 3 August 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council

India assumed the Presidency of the Security Council on 1 August 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, including complications related to the new Delta variant, the easing of restrictions in New York City has provided 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 Health-care Management and Occupational Safety and Health Division of the Department of Operational Support of the Secretariat, the Presidency plans to hold the majority of the meetings of the Security Council in person in the Security Council Chamber at Headquarters.

The conduct of meetings of the Security Council at Headquarters, in the Security Council Chamber, shall be in compliance with the guidelines and the measures set out in the letters from previous Presidents of the Security Council on working methods, as appropriate. These include wearing a mask at all times, except while delivering remarks. The Presidency encourages the vaccination of delegates and Secretariat staff attending in-person meetings.

One high-level meeting is being planned in virtual format, in view of international travel restrictions and quarantine guidelines. For that 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 present working methods and guidelines are a response to the current exceptional and unprecedented circumstances and 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) T.S. Tirumurti
President of the Security Council

