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Letter dated 17 January 2022 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council

Norway assumed the presidency of the Security Council on 1 January 2022.

While alert to the ongoing coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic situation in New York City, the presidency strives to continue to maintain, to the extent possible, the regular conduct of business of the Security Council, as foreseen by the Charter of the United Nations, the provisional rules of procedure and the note by the President of the Security Council dated 30 August 2017 ([S/2017/507](#)), as well as other relevant notes by the President on working methods.

The presidency plans to hold meetings of the Security Council in person in the Council Chamber. The presidency strongly encourages the wearing of a mask at all times, including while delivering remarks; delegations to limit their representation to 1+1, with +1s to be seated in a socially distanced manner; and the vaccination of all delegates and Secretariat staff attending meetings in the Chamber.

If the COVID-19 pandemic situation deteriorates during the month of January, then the Council may consider reverting to the working methods outlined 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](#)).

Any Member State that participates in a Security Council meeting in accordance with rules 37 and 39 of the provisional rules of procedure will also observe the above enhanced safety measures, with participation limited to one representative in the 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.

In order to enhance efficiency and transparency during this extraordinary period, the presidency encourages the continued full implementation of presidential note [S/2017/507](#), as well as other relevant notes by the President of the Security Council on working methods.

The present working methods and guidelines are intended to address exceptional circumstances. They are not intended to set a precedent for the future and may be reviewed, adapted or discontinued, subject to the agreement of members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mona Juul
President of the Security Council

