



Security Council

Distr.: General
27 December 2019

Original: English

Note by the President of the Security Council

Further to the measures contained in the note by the President of the Security Council of 30 August 2017 (S/2017/507) and in an effort to enhance the efficiency and transparency of the Security Council's work, the members of the Council have agreed on the following:

(a) The members of the Security Council reaffirm the value of Council missions for understanding, assessing and preventing escalation of particular conflicts or situations on the agenda of the Council;

(b) The members of the Security Council stress the importance of effective communication and engagement with the host country, particularly during the early stages of planning a Council visiting mission, and considering the security situation on the ground during the planning of a Council mission;

(c) Bearing in mind that all visiting missions should be agreed upon by consensus, and in an effort to promote greater efficiency and flexibility, the members of the Security Council agree to consider different composition formats when planning Council missions, including considering the possibility of, and subject to consensus by the Council, sending smaller groups of Council members on missions, inviting the Chairs of country-specific configurations of the Peacebuilding Commission to participate as observers in Council missions and dispatching joint missions with regional and subregional organizations, as appropriate and when relevant. The members of the Council reaffirm that the modalities of any such joint missions will be discussed and agreed upon on a case-by-case basis by the Council and the relevant regional and subregional organizations;

(d) The members of the Security Council agree on the importance of conducting missions within a conflict prevention framework, whereby the Council conducts missions to countries or regions with developing crises, in addition to countries hosting peace operations mandated by the Council, which could serve to lend greater insight to mandate development;

(e) The members of the Security Council encourage closer coordination within the United Nations system regarding visiting missions to the same country, including missions of the Council, the Chairs of its subsidiary bodies and the Secretariat, and also encourage joint briefings to the Council upon the missions' completion.

