



## Security Council

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### **Letter dated 3 February 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council**

The United Kingdom assumed the presidency of the Security Council on 1 February 2021 in the context of ongoing coronavirus disease (COVID-19) restrictions put in place by the authorities of the State and City of New York.

Therefore, the United Kingdom envisages discussions of the Security Council being largely virtual during the month of February. Videoconferences will be used to implement the 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](#)).

By exception and as appropriate, in-person meetings will be convened in the Security Council Chamber or the Economic and Social Council Chamber, guided by the Secretariat's health and safety advice and subject to Council agreement. These meetings should comply with the protocols, guidelines and measures set out in the annexes to the letters from the President of the Security Council for July and October 2020 on working methods ([S/2020/639](#) and [S/2020/966](#)).

These working methods and guidelines are a response to the current exceptional and unprecedented circumstances and may be reviewed, adjusted or discontinued, subject to the agreement of all members of the Council.

(Signed) Barbara **Woodward**  
President of the Security Council

