

# Letters from the President of the Security Council concerning working methods during the COVID-19 pandemic (March 2020 – March 2022)

Following the declaration by the World Health Organization of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on 11 March 2020 and the subsequent decision of the Secretary-General on 16 March 2020 to restrict the presence in the United Nations Headquarters to essential personnel only, the members of the Security Council agreed to adopt a series of new working methods to allow for the work of the Council to be carried out virtually and ensure the continuity of its mandate. The new working methods included procedures for the convening of videoconferences, participation, and a written procedure for the adoption of decisions. See below a complete list of letters by the President of the Security Council concerning the working methods adopted during the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information about the procedural developments during the period, please consult the Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council, 2020 and 2021.

Presidency	Date	Symbol	Title
China, March 2020	31 March 2020	<a href="#">S/2020/253</a>	Letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council
Dominican Republic, April 2020	6 April 2020	<a href="#">S/2020/273</a>	Letter dated 2 April 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council
Estonia, May 2020	7 May 2020	<a href="#">S/2020/372</a>	Letter dated 7 May 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council
France, June 2020	3 June 2020	<a href="#">S/2020/490</a>	Letter dated 2 June 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council
Germany, July 2020	2 July 2020	<a href="#">S/2020/639</a>	Letter dated 1 July 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council

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Indonesia, August 2020	4 August 2020	<a href="#">S/2020/778</a>	Letter dated 4 August 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council
Niger, September 2020	2 September 2020	<a href="#">S/2020/877</a>	Letter dated 2 September 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council
Russian Federation, October 2020	1 October 2020	<a href="#">S/2020/966</a>	Letter dated 1 October 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, November 2020	2 November 2020	<a href="#">S/2020/1077</a>	Letter dated 2 November 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council
South Africa, December 2020	3 December 2020	<a href="#">S/2020/1163</a>	Letter dated 3 December 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council
Tunisia, January 2021	5 January 2021	<a href="#">S/2021/18</a>	Letter dated 5 January 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council
United Kingdom, February 2021	3 February 2021	<a href="#">S/2021/106</a>	Letter dated 3 February 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council
United States, March 2021	9 March 2021	<a href="#">S/2021/245</a>	Letter dated 9 March 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council
Viet Nam, April 2021	1 April 2021	<a href="#">S/2021/326</a>	Letter dated 1 April 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council
China, May 2021	3 May 2021	<a href="#">S/2021/428</a>	Letter dated 3 May 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council
Estonia, June 2021	1 June 2021	<a href="#">S/2021/524</a>	Letter dated 1 June 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council

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India, August 2021	3 August 2021	<a href="#">S/2021/703</a>	Letter dated 3 August 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council
Ireland, September 2021	3 September 2021	<a href="#">S/2021/776</a>	Letter dated 3 September 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council
Kenya, October 2021	5 October 2021	<a href="#">S/2021/848</a>	Letter dated 5 October 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council
Mexico, November 2021	10 November 2021	<a href="#">S/2021/939</a>	Letter dated 10 November 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council
Niger, December 2021	6 December 2021	<a href="#">S/2021/1013</a>	Letter dated 6 December 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council
Norway, January 2022	17 January 2022	<a href="#">S/2022/32</a>	Letter dated 17 January 2022 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council
United Arab Emirates, March 2022	7 March 2022	<a href="#">S/2022/196</a>	Letter dated 7 March 2022 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council