



Security Council

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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 Security Council may invite the newly elected members of the Council to observe informal consultations – as appropriate, and strictly without participation and with full respect for the confidentiality of the deliberations – on Council outcome documents for a period of three months, as from 1 October immediately preceding their term of membership, in addition to observing all meetings of the Council and its subsidiary bodies and the informal consultations of the whole, as already stated in paragraph 140 of the note by the President of 30 August 2017 ([S/2017/507](#));

(b) The members of the Security Council recall that, notwithstanding the foregoing measure, the Council will not invite the newly elected members to a specific private meeting of the Council or to specific informal negotiations of the whole if a request to that effect is made by a member of the Council where exceptional circumstances exist;

(c) In addition, the Security Council invites the Secretariat to provide all communications of the Council to the newly elected members for a period of five months, as from 1 August immediately preceding their term of membership, instead of the three-month period stated in paragraph 140 of the note by the President of 30 August 2017 ([S/2017/507](#)).

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