



Security Council

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Note by the President of the Security Council

The members of the Security Council reaffirm the importance of ensuring the efficiency and effectiveness of the Council in conducting its business. In this regard and to ensure the orderly conduct of minutes of silence, the members of the Security Council have agreed to the following procedure:

(a) The members of the Security Council agree that requests for the observance of a minute of silence by the members of the Security Council by any representative of a Council member or other representative of a non-Council member shall be communicated to the President no later than 60 minutes before the start of the meeting, unless in cases of emergency;

(b) The members of the Security Council agree that the President shall inform the members of the Security Council and duly consult with them on the request, and shall inform Council members or any representative of a non-Council member of his or her ruling;

(c) In accordance with rule 19 of the provisional rules of procedure, the members of the Security Council agree that the observance of minutes of silence by the members of the Security Council shall only be initiated by the President;

(d) Without prejudice to rule 9 of the provisional rules of procedure, the members of the Security Council agree that the observance of minutes of silence shall be held after the opening of the meeting and before the adoption of the agenda of the meeting of the Security Council.

