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Note verbale dated 30 April 2019 from the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations presents its compliments to the President of the Security Council and has the honour to transmit herewith a letter from the President of the Human Rights Council (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of Germany kindly requests that the present letter be issued as a document of the Security Council.



Annex to the note verbale dated 30 April 2019 from the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I wish to thank you for organizing and hosting the breakfast with the members of the Security Council on 10 April. The event proved to be a valuable opportunity to establish an informal channel of dialogue between the Human Rights Council and the Security Council and to strengthen the Geneva-New York relationship.

In the course of the discussion during the breakfast, a proposal was made that opportunities could be sought to organize some form of informal discussion in Geneva between the members of the Human Rights Council and the President of the Security Council for the month. In this regard, kindly note that a practice exists in the Human Rights Council whereby informal conversations between high-level United Nations representatives and members and observers of the Council are convened in an ad hoc manner. Although such meetings take place in the Council room, they remain informal with no seating arrangements, records or webcast. The President of the Council moderates the discussion and Council members and observers are represented and provided the opportunity to take the floor during the conversation with the distinguished guest.

Should there be an opportunity for one of the future Presidents of the Security Council for the month to travel to Geneva or take advantage of a stopover in Geneva, I would find it very constructive for such an informal conversation to be organized. I believe this could complement the extremely constructive exchanges held during the breakfast you hosted last week.

In order to secure the interpretation of the informal conversation in all official languages of the United Nations, the informal conversation would have to take place either during a forthcoming session of the Human Rights Council – but outside of the formal proceedings – or more appropriately, immediately before or after an organizational meeting for an upcoming Council session – which takes place two weeks in advance of a session.

In this regard, please note that our forthcoming forty-first and forty-second sessions will take place from 24 June to 12 July and from 8 to 27 September 2019, respectively. Accordingly, the organizational meetings for the forty-first and forty-second sessions will take place on 7 June and 26 August 2019, respectively.

Should you find this course of action to be of interest, I would be pleased to discuss it further with you.

(Signed) Coly Seck
President of the Human Rights Council