

Denmark's Presidency of the UN Security Council

Working Methods Commitments

March 2025

Denmark views working methods as the vehicle through which the Security Council exercises its mandate to maintain international peace and security. As President of the Security Council for March 2025, we will be guided by a strong commitment to work for a more transparent, effective and inclusive Security Council. We will strive for an action-oriented Presidency, making efficient use of the Council's time and resources, and securing outcomes of Council meetings. We will be guided by the Provisional Rules of Procedure and Presidential Note 507 (S/2024/507).

Without prejudice to the prerogatives of members of the Security Council, we will work for:

A transparent Security Council

- We will interact and consult with concerned Member States on the work of the Council ahead of and throughout our Presidency.
- We will engage with partners across the UN system. We value cooperation across the principal organs of the UN.
- Where possible, we will aim to have an outcome for Council meetings, such as elements to the press or a press statement.

An effective Security Council

- We will aim for a balance of open briefings and closed consultations, recognising the need for and benefit of frank exchanges amongst Council members.
- When briefing, speakers will be requested to be as succinct as possible on the factual elements already described in written reports circulated in advance of meetings, and to focus on operational recommendations and expectations for Council action. We will provide an opportunity for briefers to respond to interventions during meetings, as appropriate.
- We will encourage all speakers to remain within suggested guidelines on length.
- We will foster an atmosphere of mutual respect, constructive engagement and positive collaboration.

An inclusive Security Council

- Denmark believes the Council benefits from a wide range of perspectives. We will aim to include competent, diverse briefers from civil society throughout our Presidency. We will take a zero-tolerance approach to reprisals.
- In line with the Statement of Shared Commitments on Women, Peace and Security, we will strive for gender balance among those briefing the Council and will encourage speakers to integrate a gender perspective in their statements.
- In line with the Statement of Joint Pledges Related to Climate, Peace and Security, we will invite and support the participation of briefers with relevant expertise in Council meetings and will encourage the inclusion of the cross-cutting theme of climate change and conflict analysis in relevant UN briefings.

