



Denmark's Presidency of the UN Security Council
Working Methods Commitments
August 2026

Denmark considers working methods essential to the Security Council's ability to fulfil its mandate to maintain international peace and security. As President of the Security Council in August 2026, we will work towards a transparent, effective and inclusive Security Council. We will pursue an action-oriented Presidency, making efficient use of the Council's time and resources and working towards meaningful outcomes from Council meetings. We will be guided by the Provisional Rules of Procedure and Presidential Note 507 (S/2024/507) and subsequently adopted notes.

Without prejudice to the prerogatives of members of the Security Council, our Presidency will be guided by the following commitments:

Transparency

- We will engage regularly with concerned Member States on the work of the Council ahead of and throughout our Presidency.
- We will work closely with partners across the UN system and support cooperation and information sharing among the principal organs of the UN, in particular the General Assembly.
- Where possible and relevant, we will seek outcomes from Council meetings.

Effectiveness

- We will make use of both open briefings and closed consultations, recognising the importance of frank and constructive exchanges among Council members.
- Briefers will be encouraged to focus on operational recommendations and expectations for Council action, while remaining succinct on factual elements already described in written reports circulated in advance.
- All participants, including briefers, members and non-members of the Council, will be encouraged to deliver their statements within the suggested timing guidelines.
- We will uphold decorum during Council meetings and foster a constructive and collaborative working environment based on mutual respect.

Inclusion

- We will seek to include competent and diverse civil society briefers throughout our Presidency. We will maintain a zero-tolerance approach to reprisals.
- Guided by the Statement of Shared Commitments on Women, Peace and Security, we will seek to ensure gender-balanced participation among Council briefers and support the integration of gender perspectives across Council discussions.
- Guided by the Statement of Joint Pledges Related to Climate, Peace and Security, we will promote the participation of briefers with relevant expertise and encourage climate change-related and conflict analysis where relevant in UN briefings.