

China assumes presidency of UN Security Council for March 2020

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China has assumed the Presidency of the United Nations Security Council for March 2020. While taking on the role, China vowed to advance solidarity and cooperation among the members. China's permanent representative to the UN, Zhang Jun said in a press note that his country attaches great importance to the work during its presidency and will act responsibly and constructively. Zhang Jun further said that China will make an effort to boost cooperation among all parties to ensure that the UNSC fulfils its crucial role and responsibility to maintain international peace and security.

The presidency of the Council rotates among each of its 15 members every month, following the English alphabetical order of the Member States names.

About UNSC

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- The main responsibility of the UN Security Council is to ensure international peace and security. It is the only UN body that has the authority to issue binding resolutions to member states.
- The UNSC has previously authorized interventions during the Korean War, Congo Crisis and also authorized peacekeeping missions in the Suez Crisis, Cyprus, West New Guinea, Namibia, Kuwait, Bosnia, Somalia, Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Cambodia and Somalia.

UNSC Elections 2020

The 2020 United Nations Security Council election will be held in June 2020 during the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York City. The elections are for five non-permanent seats on the UN Security Council for two-year mandates commencing on 1 January 2021. The Five elected members will serve the Security Council for the period 2021-22.

In accordance with the Security Council's rotation rules, whereby the ten non-permanent UNSC seats rotate among the various regional blocs into which UN member states traditionally divide themselves for voting and representation purposes, the five available seats are allocated as follows:

- One for Africa
- One for Asia-Pacific Group
- One for Latin America and the Caribbean
- Two for the Western Europeans and other groups

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