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## PERMANENT MISSION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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Excellency,

As you all know, due to the worsening situation of COVID-19, Secretary-General has required all UN staff to stay home and work remotely in his letter dated 13 March, and NYC has been stepping up measures to mitigate the spread of the virus, in my capacity as President of the Security Council for the month of March 2020, I wish to share with you the following information and ideas on the work of the Security Council:

1. After extensive consultations with Council members, the Presidency intends to postpone all meetings on the PoW of this week. The Presidency is ready to keep communication and consultation with Council members on issues on the agenda, to make sure the Council is still working.

2. According to March PoW, the Council is expected to take actions on the mandate extension of UNSOM and PoE on DPRK. The Presidency is considering a physical Council meeting next week to adopt relevant resolutions. Detailed arrangements of the meetings next week will be further discussed at PC level.

3. Council members are encouraged to continue preparation for VTC meetings based on the good progress of the previous testing. If required by Council members in consensus, the Council would start VTC meetings in a timely manner.

4. The Presidency stands ready to work with all Council members and the Secretariat to continue delivering on the Council's mandate, including watching closely the situation on the agenda of the Council and taking all

necessary and timely actions. At the same time, the Presidency encourages Council members to do their utmost to minimize the risks of transmitting infection and to ensure the safety and well-being of all colleagues, taking necessary measures during physical meetings such as using hand sanitizer and wearing face masks.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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