

Elements to the Press by Security Council President

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1. Members of the Security Council held an informal interactive dialogue on 18 May 2021 with Mr. António Guterres as a candidate, presented by Portugal, for the position of Secretary-General of the United Nations for the 2022-2026 mandate.
2. This is the first such informal interactive dialogue of the Security Council since the beginning of the ongoing process.
3. During the dialogue, Mr. Guterres presented his vision statement on challenges and opportunities faced by the United Nations before Council members asked questions and interacted with him.
4. The position of the Secretary-General is one of great importance. The Security Council will continue the process of selecting the Secretary-General in accordance with the provisions of Article 97 of the UN Charter and guided by the principles of transparency and inclusivity.
5. The Security Council plans to make its recommendation to the General Assembly in a timely manner.