

## Statement H.E. Ambassador Desra Percaya Permanent Representative

## Open Debate of the Security Council "Working Methods of the Security Council"

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## Mr. President,

I would like to first thank you for convening this open debate on the very important subject of working methods of the Security Council. We also thank you for your helpful concept note.

Indonesia associates with the statement by Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Recently at the debate in the General Assembly on the Security Council's annual report and the Security Council's reform, an overwhelmingly large number of countries once again underscored the need for a more transparent, democratic, and effective Council.

Indeed, the Council is entrusted with an uneasy responsibility on the maintenance of international peace and security. A responsibility that requires its constant, vigorous and evenhanded oversight as well as full support and cooperation from all UN Member States.

The Security Council has risen to the occasion on many challenges, and Indonesia commends its role.

But there is no doubt that the Council will be enabled to perform its responsibilities more effectively also through working methods, which enhance its transparency, inclusivity, accountability and efficiency.

Indonesia welcomes the Council's efforts to improve its working methods over the years, including through a significant number of Council meetings with the concerned countries, troop and police contributors and other stakeholders being held in open.

This effort needs to be intensified. We hope that there will be comprehensive betterment in all aspects of the Council's workings. Allow me, in this regard, to put forward the following concrete observations:

First, the Council should be more accessible, transparent and efficient, particularly for the wider non-Council UN Member States.

Greater transparency in Council's workings and its more meaningful interface with the non-P5 and non-Council Members will enrich Council's decision-making and strengthen support for its actions.

Second, there should be greater consultation with especially members with a special interest in substantive matters under consideration by the Council.

Third, the Member States, particularly the ones affected by sanctions, at their request, should be given the right of participation and giving of substantive inputs in meetings of relevant sanctions committees.

Fourth, the draft resolutions, presidential statements, and other draft documents tabled at informal consultations of the whole of the Council, if so authorized by authors of drafts, should be promptly made available to also the non-Council Members.

Fifth, the Council should hold regular, timely, and meaningful consultations with troop and police contributing countries, host countries, UN Peacekeeping Secretariat, financial contributors, as well as other countries that are directly concerned by a peacekeeping operation throughout all its stages.

Finally, a substantive interaction with all peacekeeping stakeholders is necessary to ensure that the UN peacekeeping missions are effectively enabled to achieve their mission mandates.

Eight, the reasons for using the veto should be explained at the time of doing so and a copy of its explanation should be circulated to all UN States.

The Council is entrusted on behalf of all UN Members, and its actions and reasoning must be fully clear to everyone.

Mr. President,
Indonesia thanks you for this opportunity to present its views. We will continue to support the Security Council in its efforts to tangibly improve its working methods.
Thank you.

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