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Dominican Republic assumes the presidency of the UN Security Council for a month

New York. – This Wednesday the Dominican Republic formally joined the Security Council of the United Nations (UN) as a non-permanent member, and, simultaneously, assumed the Presidency of that body during the month of January.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Miguel Vargas, headed the Dominican delegation present at the installation ceremony of the national flags of the new members of the Council, which made official the country's entry into the main decision making body of UN.

Also were present at the event the Dominican Ambassador José Singer, Special Envoy of the Dominican Republic to the UN Security Council; besides the head of the Dominican Mission to the UN, Francisco Cortorreal; and other diplomats of his team.

“This achievement corresponds to the foreign policy outlined by President Danilo Medina”, said the Dominican Minister.

He added that “as a country, this new challenge is part of the sustained and diligent efforts of our diplomacy to make an active contribution in favor of peace and conflict resolution, particularly in our own region of Latin America, but also in the current debates of greater relevance for the international community”.

He indicated that “the theme chosen for our Presidency in the Security Council brings into consideration the impacts on peace and security caused by natural catastrophes or environmental degradation”.

Minister Vargas pointed out that these issues are of particular importance for the Caribbean countries and small island states, which are especially vulnerable to natural disasters.

Other issues on which the Dominican presidency will focus are cybersecurity, as well as the proliferation and illicit use of small arms and light weapons.

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