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**TENTATIVE FORECAST OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2021**

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AFRICA

DRC: SG reports on MONUSCO

Resolution 2556 (2020) of 18 December 2020

Para. 55: Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council every three months on the situation in the DRC, including progress towards the strengthening of State institutions, key governance and security reforms, and on the implementation of MONUSCO's mandate, including [...]

The report of the Secretary-General is expected to be issued in March 2021.

DRC: SG reports on implementation of the commitments under the PSC Framework

Resolution 2556 (2020) of 18 December 2020

Para. 56: Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council every six months, in coordination with the Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Great Lakes Region and the SRSG for the DRC on the implementation of the commitments under the PSC Framework and its linkages with the broader security situation in the Great Lakes Region;

The report of the Secretary-General is expected to be issued in March 2021.

Libya: UNSMIL: SG to report to SC on the implementation of resolution 2542 (2020)

Resolution 2542 (2020) of 15 September 2020

Para. 10: Requests the Secretary-General to continue to report to the Security Council on the implementation of this resolution at least every 60 days;

The Secretary-General is expected to report in March 2021.

Libya: Sanctions: Panel of Experts final report

Resolution 2509 (2020) of 11 February 2020

Para. 12: Decides that the Panel shall provide to the Council an interim report on its work no later than 15 September 2020, and a final report to the Council, after discussion with the Committee, no later than 15 March 2021 with its findings and recommendations;

The PoE final report is expected to be issued no later than 15 March 2021.

Mali: SG reports on MINUSMA on the implementation of resolution 2531 (2020)

Resolution 2531 (2020) of 29 June 2020

Para. 62: Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council every three months after the adoption of this resolution on the implementation of this resolution, focusing: (i) on progress in the implementation of the Agreement, particularly on the priority measures referenced in paragraph 3 above, (ii) on progress in the implementation of the Stratégie de stabilisation du centre du Mali, particularly on the priority measures referenced in paragraph 14 above, as well as on MINUSMA's efforts to support these objectives, (iii) on coordination, exchange of information and, when applicable, mutual operational and logistical support, between MINUSMA, the MDSF, the FC-G5S, the French Forces and the European Union missions in Mali, (iv) on measures to improve external communication of the mission;

S/PRST/2020/10 of 15 October 2020

Last para.: The Security Council also requests MINUSMA, within its mandate and existing resources, to support the political transition in Mali, particularly by exercising good offices, confidence-building and facilitation at the national and local levels, and by supporting, together with the United Nations country team, the holding of inclusive, free, fair, transparent, and credible elections, conducted in a peaceful environment, including through the provision of technical assistance and security arrangements, consistent with the provisions of the Agreement. It requests the Secretary General to include in its quarterly reports updates on how MINUSMA supports the political transition.

The report of the Secretary-General is expected to be issued in March 2021.

Mali: Report by France on implementation of mandate to support MINUSMA

Resolution 2531 (2020) of 29 June 2020

Para. 41: Authorizes French forces, within the limits of their capacities and areas of deployment, to use all necessary means until the end of MINUSMA's mandate as authorized in this resolution, to intervene in support of elements of MINUSMA when under imminent and serious threat upon request of the Secretary-General, and requests France to report to the Council on the implementation of this mandate in Mali and to coordinate its reporting with the reporting by the Secretary-General referred to in paragraph 62 below;

Mali: SG to present a long-term roadmap on benchmarks and exit strategy for MINUSMA

Resolution 2531 (2020) of 29 June 2020

Para. 64: Requests the Secretary-General, in coordination with the Instance de Coordination au Mali, the Government of Mali, and in consultation with other relevant partners, including UN agencies, member states, regional organizations and independent experts, to develop a long-term roadmap assessing the continued challenges to peace and security in Mali, and focusing on a set of realistic, relevant and clearly measurable benchmarks and conditions, including, among others, progress in the implementation of the Agreement, the redeployment of the reformed and reconstituted MDSF across the territory of Mali, the full operationalization of the FC-G5S and the implementation of MINUSMA's adaptation plan, to ensure a phased, coordinated and deliberate transition of security responsibilities opening the way for a possible exit strategy for the mission, when the conditions are met, without jeopardizing the stability of Mali and its region, to be presented in its entirety to the Security Council by 31 March 2021;

The Secretary-General is expected to report in March 2021.

South Sudan: UNMISS mandate

Resolution 2514 (2020) of 12 March 2020

Para. 6: Decides to extend the mandate of UNMISS until 15 March 2021;

The mandate will expire on 15 March 2021.

South Sudan: SG report on implementation of the UNMISS mandate and obstructions, and technical assistance provided to the Hybrid Court

Resolution 2514 (2020) of 12 March 2020

Para. 41: Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council on implementation of the UNMISS mandate and the obstructions UNMISS encounters in doing so in a comprehensive written report to be submitted within 90 days of the date of adoption of this resolution, every 90 days thereafter, and underscores that such reporting should include attention to the below listed issues and that perspectives should be gathered from all relevant actors: [...]

Resolution 2514 (2020) of 12 March 2020

Para. 42: Requests the Secretary-General to report, through his regular 90-day reports, on the technical assistance provided consistent with paragraph 36 above, invites the African Union to share

information on progress made in the establishment of the Hybrid Court for South Sudan, with the Secretary-General to inform his report, and expresses the Security Council's intention upon receipt of the Secretary-General's reports to assess the work that has been done in the establishment of the Hybrid Court in line with international standards;

The report of the Secretary-General dated 23 February 2021 (S/2021/172) is before the Security Council.

South Sudan: Sanctions: SG to report to SC with recommendations on benchmarks to assess the arms embargo measures

PSC letter of 16 December 2020 (S/2020/1277)

I have the honor to inform you that the recommendations contained in paragraphs 27-29 of your report dated 31 October (S/2020/1067), by which you articulate options for the elaboration of benchmarks to assess the measures on arms imposed by paragraph 4 of resolution 2428 (2018), have been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. The members of the Security Council support the second option on the elaboration of benchmarks. This option combines a Headquarters-based desk review with remote consultations. The members of the Security Council request the Secretary-General to conduct the desk review and consultations, and report to the Council with recommendations on benchmarks to assess the arms embargo measures by 31 March 2021.

The Secretary-General is expected to report in March 2021.

Sudan: SG to report on the implementation of UNITAMS mandate and UNAMID drawdown and withdrawal

Resolution 2524 (2020) of 3 June 2020

Para. 16: Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council every 90 days on the implementation of the UNITAMS mandate and on clear and measurable core and contextual benchmarks and indicators, to be provided to the Security Council in the first 90 day report, to track UNITAMS' progress against its strategic objectives and to enable early planning for a future reconfiguration of the United Nations presence in Sudan;

Resolution 2559 (2020) of 22 December 2020

Para. 14: Requests the Secretary-General to keep the Security Council regularly informed about the all relevant developments in relation with the drawdown and withdrawal of UNAMID as an annex to the regular reporting requested on UNITAMS in resolution 2524 (2020), and an oral briefing by 31 July 2021 on the completion of UNAMID's drawdown and closure;

The report of the Secretary-General is expected to be issued in March 2021.

Sudan/South Sudan: SG to report on the options for UNISFA drawdown and exit

Resolution 2550 (2020) of 12 November 2020

Para. 31: Requests the Secretary-General to hold a joint consultation with the governments of Sudan, South Sudan, and Ethiopia, and relevant stakeholders, to discuss the exit strategy for UNISFA and develop options for its responsible drawdown and exit, and to report no later than 31 March 2021 elaborating on those options, which should prioritize the safety and security of civilians living in Abyei, account for the stability of the region, and include an option for a responsible drawdown and exit of UNISFA that is not limited by implementation of the 2011 agreements;

The Secretary-General is expected to report in March 2021.

AMERICAS

Colombia: SG to report on Verification Mission

Resolution 2366 (2017) of 10 July 2017

Para. 8: Further requests the Secretary-General, based on the reporting of the Special Representative, to report to the Security Council on the implementation of the Verification_Mission's mandate every 90 days after the start of its verification activities;

Resolution 2545 (2020) of 25 September 2020

Para. 1: Decides to extend, to 25 September 2021, the mandate of the Verification Mission and reporting requirements in accordance with its resolutions 2366 (2017), 2377 (2017), 2435 (2018), and 2487 (2019), headed by a Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations;

The report of the Secretary-General is expected to be issued in March 2021.

ASIA/MIDDLE EAST

Afghanistan: SG reports on UNAMA

Resolution 2543 (2020) of 15 September 2020

Para. 10: Requests that the Secretary-General reports to the Council every three months on developments in Afghanistan including the security situation, and to include in his reports an evaluation of progress made against the benchmarks for measuring and tracking progress in the implementation of UNAMA's mandate, including at the subnational level, and priorities as set out in this resolution;

Resolution 2513 (2020) of 10 March 2020

Para. 9: Requests the Secretary General to include in his reports on Afghanistan, as requested in paragraph 9 of resolution 2489 (2019), developments related to the efforts set out in this resolution;

The report of the Secretary-General is expected to be issued in March 2021.

Middle East (Lebanon/UNIFIL): SG reports on implementation of resolution 1701 (2006)

Resolution 2539 (2020) of 28 August 2020

Para. 27: Requests the Secretary-General to continue to report to the Council on the implementation of resolution 1701 (2006), every four months, or at any time as he deems appropriate, and to include in his reporting a prompt and detailed breakdown of all resolution 1701 (2006) violations, clarifications by the parties and updates on all pending investigations into such violations of resolution 1701, prompt and detailed reports on violations of the sovereignty of Lebanon, prompt and detailed reports on the restrictions to UNIFIL's freedom of movement, an enhanced annex on the implementation on the arms embargo, reports on specific areas where UNIFIL does not access and on the reasons behind these restrictions, potential risks to the cessation of hostilities and UNIFIL's response as well as reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the 2016–2017 Strategic review and on progress made as regards the detailed plan on the implementation of the 1 June assessment report as set out in paragraph 8 of the present resolution and on additional identified efficiencies to most appropriately fulfil its mandated tasks; requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide concrete and detailed information on the aforementioned issues to the Council, in line with changes to enhance reporting since the adoption of resolution 2373 (2017), 2433 (2018) and 2485 (2019);

The report of the Secretary-General is expected to be issued in March 2021.

Middle East: The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

Resolution 1322 (2000) of 7 October 2000

Para.7: Invites the Secretary-General to continue to follow the situation and to keep the Security Council informed;

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question: SG to report to the Council on the implementation of resolution 2334 (2016)

Resolution 2334 (2016) of 23 December 2016

Para. 12: Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council every three months on the implementation of the provisions of the present resolution;

The Secretary-General is expected to report in March 2021.

Middle East (Syria): OPCW DG to report to SC (through SG) on implementation of resolution 2118 (2013)

Resolution 2118 (2013) of 27 September 2013

Para.12: Decides to review on a regular basis the implementation in the Syrian Arab Republic of the decision of the OPCW Executive Council of 27 September 2013 and this resolution, and requests the Director-General of the OPCW to report to the Security Council, through the Secretary-General, who shall include relevant information on United Nations activities related to the implementation of this resolution, within 30 days and every month thereafter, and requests further the Director-General of the OPCW and the Secretary-General to report in a coordinated manner, as needed, to the Security Council, non-compliance with this resolution or the OPCW Executive Council decision of 27 September 2013;

The report is expected to be presented in March 2021.

Middle East (Syria): SG report on the implementation of resolution 2268 (2016)

Resolution 2268 (2016) of 26 February 2016

Para.10: Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council on the implementation of this resolution, including by drawing on information provided by the ISSG ceasefire taskforce, and on resolution 2254 (2015), within 15 days of the adoption of this resolution and every 30 days thereafter;

The Secretary-General is expected to report in March 2021.

Middle East (UNDOF): SG reports on developments in the situation and measures taken to implement resolution 338 (1973)

Resolution 2555 (2020) of 18 December 2020

Para. 16: Requests the Secretary-General to report every 90 days on developments in the situation and the measures taken to implement resolution 338 (1973).

The report of the Secretary-General is expected to be issued in March 2021.

Middle East (Yemen): SG to report to SC on implementation of resolution 2534 (2020) and resolution 2451 (2018)

Resolution 2534 (2020) of 14 July 2020

Para. 7: Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council on a monthly basis on progress regarding the implementation of this resolution, including on any obstructions to the effective operation of UNMHA caused by any party; and on resolution 2451 (2018), including on any non-compliance by any party;

The Secretary-General is expected to report in March 2021.

Middle East (Yemen): SG to report on the implementation of resolution 2201 (2015) and on developments in Yemen

Resolution 2201 (2015) of 15 February 2015

Para. 13: Requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of this resolution, and to continue to report on developments in Yemen, including on the implementation of the Gulf Cooperation

Council Initiative and its Implementation Mechanism, the outcomes of the comprehensive National Dialogue conference, and the Peace and National Partnership Agreement and its security annex within 15 days after the date of adoption of this resolution and every 60 days thereafter;

The Secretary-General is expected to report in March 2021.

COUNTER-TERRORISM/NON-PROLIFERATION

Non-proliferation/DPRK: Sanctions: Panel of Experts final report

Resolution 2515 (2020) of 30 March 2020

Para. 2: Requests the Panel of Experts to provide to the Committee no later than 3 August 2020 a midterm report on its work, as requested in paragraph 43 of resolution 2321 (2016), and further requests that, after a discussion with the Committee, the Panel of Experts submit to the Council its midterm report by 4 September 2020, and requests also a final report to the Committee no later than 5 February 2021 with its findings and recommendations, and further requests that, after a discussion with the Committee, the Panel of Experts submit to the Council its final report no later than 5 March 2021;

The PoE final report is expected to be issued no later than 5 March 2021.

Non-proliferation/DPRK: Sanctions: SC to review the Panel of Experts mandate

Resolution 2515 (2020) of 30 March 2020

Para. 1: Decides to extend until 30 April 2021 the mandate of the Panel of Experts, as specified in paragraph 26 of resolution 1874 (2009) and modified in paragraph 29 of resolution 2094 (2013), decides that this mandate shall apply also with respect to the measures imposed in resolutions 2270 (2016), 2321 (2016), 2356 (2017), 2371 (2017), 2375 (2017), and 2397 (2017), expresses its intent to review the mandate and take appropriate action regarding further extension no later than 26 March 2021, and requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary administrative measures to this effect;

The Security Council is expected to take action no later than 26 March 2021.

Non-proliferation/DPRK: Sanctions: Member States to report to SC on concrete measures taken to implement resolution 2397 (2017)

Resolution 2397 (2017) of 22 December 2017

Para. 17: Decides that Member States shall report to the Security Council within ninety days of the adoption of this resolution, and thereafter upon request by the Committee, on concrete measures they have taken in order to implement effectively the provisions of this resolution, requests the Panel of Experts, in cooperation with other UN sanctions monitoring groups, to continue its efforts to assist Member States in preparing and submitting such reports in a timely manner;

WMD: 1540 Committee brief the SC

Resolution 2325 (2016) of 15 December 2016

Para. 2: Decides that the 1540 Committee will continue to submit to the Security Council its Programme of Work, before the end of each January, and will brief the Security Council in the first quarter of each year, and welcomes the continuous submission of the Annual Review on the Implementation of Resolution 1540 (2004), prepared with the assistance of the Group of Experts, within December annually;

The Committee Chair is expected to brief the Council in March 2021.

OTHER

Security Council annual report: Secretariat to submit the draft report to SC

Note by the PSC of 10 December 2015 (S/2015/944)

Sixth para.: The Secretariat should submit the draft report to the members of the Council no later than 15 March, immediately following the period covered by the report, so that it may be discussed and thereafter adopted by the Council in time for consideration by the General Assembly in the spring of that calendar year.

The Secretariat is expected to submit the draft report to the SC in March 2021.

SCHEDULE OF FORTHCOMING EXPIRIES OF MANDATES

Subject	Expiry of mandate	Council decision providing for current mandates
AMISOM	14 March 2021	2563 (2021) of 25 Feb. 2021
UNMISS	15 March 2021	2514 (2020) of 12 March 2020
UNISFA	15 May 2021	2550 (2020) of 12 Nov. 2020
UNAMI	31 May 2021	2522 (2020) of 29 May 2020
UNITAMS	3 June 2021	2524 (2020) of 3 June 2020
MINUSMA	30 June 2021	2531 (2020) of 29 June 2020
UNDOF	30 June 2021	2555 (2020) of 18 Dec. 2020
UNMHA	15 July 2021	2534 (2020) of 14 July 2020
UNFICYP	31 July 2021	2561 (2021) of 29 Jan. 2021
UNIFIL	31 Aug. 2021	2539 (2020) of 28 Aug. 2020
UNSOM	31 Aug. 2021	2540 (2020) of 28 Aug. 2020
UNOCA	31 Aug. 2021	S/2018/790 of 28 Aug. 2018
UNSMIL	15 Sept. 2021	2542 (2020) of 15 Sept. 2020
UNAMA	17 Sept. 2021	2543 (2020) of 15 Sept. 2020
Colombia Verification Mission	25 Sept. 2021	2545 (2020) of 25 Sept. 2020
BINUH	15 Oct. 2021	2547 (2020) of 15 Oct. 2020
MINURSO	31 Oct. 2021	2548 (2020) of 30 Oct. 2020
MINUSCA	15 Nov. 2021	2552 (2020) of 12 Nov. 2020
MONUSCO	20 Dec. 2021	2556 (2020) of 18 Dec. 2020
UNOWAS	31 Jan. 2023	S/2020/85 of 31 Jan. 2020

**FORTHCOMING WRITTEN REPORTS BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
AS REQUESTED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL
(April 2021)**

Item	<u>Expected</u>	Request as formulated in the Security Council decision
Sudan/South Sudan: SG to inform SC of progress in implementing UNISFA's mandate	<u>April 2021</u>	<u>Resolution 2550 (2020) of 12 November 2020</u> Para. 33: Requests the Secretary-General to continue to inform it of progress in implementing UNISFA's mandate, in one written report, no later than 15 April 2021 and include reporting on: [...]
Middle East (Lebanon): SG reports on resolution 1559 (2004)	<u>April 2021</u>	<u>Resolution 1559 (2004) of 2 September 2004</u> Para. 7: Requests that the Secretary-General report to the Security Council within thirty days on the implementation by the parties of this resolution and decides to remain actively seized of the matter. <u>S/PRST/2004/36 of 19 October 2004</u> Last para.: The Security Council appreciates the Secretary-General's intention to keep the Council updated. It requests that he continue to report on the implementation of the resolution to the Council every six months.
Middle East (Syria): OPCW DG to report to SC (through SG) on implementation of resolution 2118 (2013)	<u>April 2021</u>	<u>Resolution 2118 (2013) of 27 September 2013</u> Para.12: Decides to review on a regular basis the implementation in the Syrian Arab Republic of the decision of the OPCW Executive Council of 27 September 2013 and this resolution, and requests the Director-General of the OPCW to report to the Security Council, through the Secretary-General, who shall include relevant information on United Nations activities related to the implementation of this resolution, within 30 days and every month thereafter, and requests further the Director-General of the OPCW and the Secretary-General to report in a coordinated manner, as needed, to the Security Council, non-compliance with this resolution or the OPCW Executive Council decision of 27 September 2013.
Middle East (Syria): SG briefings and reports on the implementation of resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014), 2258 (2015), 2332 (2016), 2393 (2017), 2401 (2018), 2449 (2018), 2504 (2020), and 2533 (2020)	<u>April 2021</u>	<u>Resolution 2533 (2020) of 11 July 2020</u> Para. 3: Requests the Secretary-General to brief the Council monthly and to provide a report on a regular basis, at least every 60 days, on the implementation of resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014), 2258 (2015), 2332 (2016), 2393 (2017), 2401 (2018), 2449 (2018), 2504 (2020) and this resolution and on compliance by all relevant parties in Syria and further requests the Secretary-General to continue to include in his reports overall trends in United Nations cross-line and cross-border humanitarian access and detailed information on the humanitarian assistance delivered through United Nations humanitarian cross-border operations, including on the number of beneficiaries, locations of aid deliveries at district-level and the volume and nature of items delivered;
UNMIK: SG briefings and concurrent reports to SC	<u>April 2021</u>	<u>Resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999</u> Para. 20: Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council at regular intervals on the implementation of this resolution, including reports from the leaderships of the international civil and security presences, the first reports to be submitted within 30 days of the adoption of this resolution;

		<p><u>Note by the PSC of 7 February 2019 (S/2019/120)</u> The members of the Security Council have agreed upon a schedule of meetings on UNMIK, with concurrent Secretary-General reports to the Council. In 2019, the Council intends to hold briefings on 7 February, in June, and in October. As of 2020, the Council intends to hold briefings twice a year (in April and October) on the issue. The Council will continue to review this issue, taking into account the situation on the ground.</p>
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