

Norway, Russian Federation, United States and Viet Nam. Ireland (President of the Council) was represented by its Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Defence.

^g The Special Representative, the founder of the Women and Peace Studies Organization and the co-founder and Board Chair of the Malala Fund participated in the meeting by videoconference.

^h China, Ireland, Mexico, Norway, Russian Federation, United Kingdom and United States.

^l The Special Representative and the Director of Charmaghz participated in the meeting by videoconference.

Table 2
Videoconferences: the situation in Afghanistan

<i>Videoconference date</i>	<i>Videoconference record</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Decision, vote (for-against-abstaining) and record of written procedure</i>
23 March 2021	S/2021/291	Letter dated 25 March 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General and the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council	
22 June 2021	S/2021/601	Letter dated 24 June 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General and the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council	

15. The situation in Myanmar

During the period under review, the Council held three private meetings under the item entitled “The situation in Myanmar”. More information about the meetings is provided in table 1 below. In connection with the item, Council members also held one videoconference to announce the adoption of a presidential statement.⁵⁸³ More information on the videoconference is given in table 2 below. In addition, Council members held closed videoconferences in connection with the item.⁵⁸⁴

On 10 March, the Council adopted a presidential statement, in which it reiterated its deep concern at developments in Myanmar following the declaration of the state of emergency imposed by the military on 1 February and the arbitrary detention of members of the Government and called for their immediate release.⁵⁸⁵ The Council strongly condemned the violence against peaceful protestors and expressed deep concern at restrictions on medical personnel, civil society, journalists and labour union members. The Council called for the immediate release of all those detained arbitrarily and called for the military to

exercise utmost restraint.⁵⁸⁶ The Council also stressed the need to uphold democratic institutions and processes, refrain from violence, fully respect human rights and fundamental freedoms and uphold the rule of law.⁵⁸⁷ The Council further reiterated its strong support for regional organizations, in particular the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and welcomed the statements made by the Chair of ASEAN on 1 February and 2 March, in which the Chair had called on all parties to exercise utmost restraint and seek a peaceful solution through constructive dialogue and practical reconciliation in the interests of the people of Myanmar.⁵⁸⁸ The Council reiterated its support for the good offices of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar and encouraged her to maintain her efforts to engage intensively with all relevant parties in Myanmar and to visit Myanmar as soon as possible.⁵⁸⁹ The Council further noted that the situation in Myanmar had the potential to exacerbate existing challenges in Rakhine State and expressed concern that recent developments posed serious challenges for Rohingya refugees and internally displaced persons within the region.⁵⁹⁰ The Council also reaffirmed its strong commitment to the

⁵⁸³ [S/PRST/2021/5](#). For more information on the procedures and working methods developed during the COVID-19 pandemic, see part II, sect. I, and *Repertoire, Supplement 2020*, part II, sect. I.

⁵⁸⁴ See [A/76/2, part II, chap. 32](#). See also [S/2021/1084](#).

⁵⁸⁵ [S/PRST/2021/5](#), first paragraph. In the presidential statement, the Council also recalled its statement to the press dated 4 February.

⁵⁸⁶ [S/PRST/2021/5](#), second paragraph.

⁵⁸⁷ *Ibid.*, third paragraph.

⁵⁸⁸ *Ibid.*, fourth paragraph.

⁵⁸⁹ *Ibid.*, fifth paragraph.

⁵⁹⁰ *Ibid.*, sixth paragraph.

sovereignty, political independence, territorial integrity and unity of Myanmar.⁵⁹¹

Further to that decision, the Council held three private meetings, on 18 June, 17 August and 8 November, during which it heard briefings by the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar, the Acting Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator and the Director of the Asia-Pacific Division of the Departments of Political and

Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations. In addition, the Second Minister for Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam provided briefings to the Council in his capacity as Chair of ASEAN at the 18 June meeting, invited under rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure, and in his capacity as Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar at the 17 August and 8 November meetings, invited under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure.⁵⁹²

⁵⁹² For more information on participation in meetings of the Council, see part II, sect. VIII.

⁵⁹¹ *Ibid.*, seventh paragraph.

Table 1
Meetings: the situation in Myanmar

<i>Meeting record and date</i>	<i>Sub-item</i>	<i>Other documents</i>	<i>Rule 37 invitations</i>	<i>Rule 39 and other invitations</i>	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Decision and vote (for-against-abstaining)</i>
S/PV.8800 18 June 2021 (closed)				Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar, Chair of the Association of Southeast Asian Nationsg (ASEAN)	All Council members, all invitees ^a	
S/PV.8835 17 August 2021 (closed)			Brunei Darussalam	Special Envoy of the Secretary-General, Acting Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator	12 Council members, ^b all invitees ^c	
S/PV.8898 8 November 2021 (closed)			Brunei Darussalam	Director of the Asia-Pacific Division of the Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations	All Council members, all invitees ^{c,d}	

^a The Second Minister for Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam briefed the Council in his capacity as Chair of ASEAN.

^b China, Estonia, France, India, Ireland, Kenya (also on behalf of Niger, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Tunisia), Mexico, Norway, Russian Federation, United Kingdom, United States and Viet Nam.

^c Brunei Darussalam was represented by its Second Minister for Foreign Affairs, who briefed the Council in his capacity as Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar.

^d The representative of Brunei Darussalam participated in the meeting by videoconference.

Table 2
Videoconference: the situation in Myanmar

<i>Videoconference date</i>	<i>Videoconference record</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Decision, vote (for-against-abstaining) and record of written procedure</i>
10 March 2021	No record (see A/76/2 , part II, chap. 32)		S/PRST/2021/5