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27. Items relating to International Tribunals for the Former Yugoslavia and Rwanda

During the period under review, the Security Council held seven meetings and adopted three resolutions and one presidential statement related to the work of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (ICTY) and the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighboring States between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994 (ICTR).¹

At the meetings, the Council received semi-annual briefings by senior officials of the ICTY, the ICTR, as well as of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (the Mechanism),² and considered the completion strategies of the Tribunals and their transition to the Mechanism. Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter, the Council, inter alia, re-appointed the Prosecutors of the ICTY and of the ICTR, respectively, and extended the terms of office of authorized permanent and ad litem judges of both Tribunals to serve

¹ For more information on the mandate of ICTY and ICTR, see part IX, sect. IV, A and B.

² By resolution [1966 \(2010\)](#), the Council, inter alia, established the Mechanism to carry out the residual functions of the ICTY and ICTR after the completion of their mandates.

beyond the expiry of their terms of office.³ By resolution [2256 \(2015\)](#), the Council also welcomed the completion of the judicial work of the ICTR, and acknowledged its substantial contribution to the process of national reconciliation and the restoration of peace and security, and to the fight against impunity and the development of international criminal justice, especially in relation to the crime of genocide.⁴ On 31 December 2015, the Council issued press statement [SC/12188](#), marking the close of the ICTR.

³ Resolutions [2193 \(2014\)](#), [2194 \(2014\)](#) and [2256 \(2015\)](#). For more information on the procedure of authorization, see part IV, sects. I. D.3 and 4 with regard to election of judges of the Tribunals and the International Residual Mechanism.

⁴ Resolution [2256 \(2015\)](#), para. 1 and 2.

Meetings: items relating to International Tribunals for the Former Yugoslavia and Rwanda

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S/PV.7192 5 June 2014	Letter dated 15 May 2014 from the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/343) Letter dated 16 May 2014 from the President of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/350) Letter dated 16 May 2014 from the President of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991, addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/351)		Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia	Presidents and Prosecutors of ICTY, ICTR and International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals	All Council members and all invitees	
S/PV.7332 10 December 2014	Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (S/2014/546) Report of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (S/2014/556) Letter dated 19 November 2014 from the President of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals addressed to		Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia	Presidents and Prosecutors of ICTY, ICTR and International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals	All Council members and all invitees	

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	the President of the Security Council (S/2014/826)					
	Letter dated 19 November 2014 from the President of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991, addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/827)					
	Letter dated 19 November 2014 from the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/829)					
S/PV.7348 18 December 2014	Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (S/2014/546)	Draft resolutions submitted by Chile		Presidents and Prosecutors of ICTY, ICTR and International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals	Russian Federation	Resolution 2193 (2014) (adopted under Chapter VII) 14-0-1 ^a
	Report of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (S/2014/556)	S/2014/907 and S/2014/908)				
	Letter dated 19 November 2014 from the President of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/826)					Resolution 2194 (2014) (adopted under Chapter VII) 15-0-0
	Letter dated 19 November 2014 from the President of the International Tribunal for the					

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	Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991, addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/827)					
	Letter dated 19 November 2014 from the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/829)					
S/PV.7455 3 June 2015	Letter dated 15 May 2015 from the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2015/340)		Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Rwanda, Serbia	Presidents and Prosecutors of ICTY, ICTR and International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals	All Council members and all invitees	
	Letter dated 15 May 2015 from the President of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2015/341)					
	Letter dated 15 May 2015 from the President of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991, addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2015/342)					

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S/PV.7559 16 November 2015					United Kingdom ^b	S/PRST/2015/21
S/PV.7574 9 December 2015	<p>Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (S/2015/577)</p> <p>Report of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (S/2015/585)</p> <p>Letter dated 16 November 2015 from the President of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991, addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2015/874)</p> <p>Letter dated 17 November 2015 from the President of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2015/883)</p> <p>Letter dated 17 November 2015 from the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2015/884)</p> <p>Letter dated 20 November 2015 from the President of the International Residual</p>		Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Rwanda, Serbia	Presidents and Prosecutors of ICTY, ICTR and International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals	All Council members and all invitees	

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	Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2015/896)					
S/PV.7593 22 December 2015	Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (S/2015/577)	Draft resolutions submitted by Chile (S/2015/1005)			2 Council members (Chile, Russian Federation)	Resolution 2256 (2015) (adopted under Chapter VII) 14-0-1 ^c
	Report of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (S/2015/585)					
	Letter dated 16 November 2015 from the President of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991, addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2015/874)					
	Letter dated 17 November 2015 from the President of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2015/883)					
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	Letter dated 20 November 2015 from the President of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals addressed to					

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	the President of the Security Council (S/2015/896)					

^a For: Argentina, Australia, Chad, Chile, China, France, Jordan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Nigeria, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, United Kingdom and United States; abstaining: Russian Federation.

^b Before the adoption of the agenda, the President of the Security Council made a statement in memory of the victims of the terrorist attacks in Paris and Beirut, which had taken place on the 13 and 12 November, respectively.

^c For: Angola, Chad, Chile, China, France, Jordan, Lithuania, Malaysia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Spain, United Kingdom, United States and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of); abstaining: Russian Federation.