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### **THEMATIC ISSUES**

#### **26. United Nations peacekeeping operations**

During the period under review, the Security Council held seven meetings and adopted two resolutions and one presidential statement in connection with the item entitled “United Nations peacekeeping operations”.

At the meetings, the Council discussed several themes, including new trends in peacekeeping, the evolution of regional partnerships, and the role of policing in peacekeeping, especially with regard to the protection of civilians. New trends considered by the Council included the establishment of more robust and multidimensional mandates, inter-mission cooperation and the use of new technologies.

With regard to the report of the Secretary-General entitled “The Future of United Nations Peace Operations: Implementation of the Recommendations of the High-Level Panel on Peace Operations”<sup>1</sup> and of recommendations of the report of the High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations<sup>2</sup>, the Council adopted two Presidential Statements. The first statement was adopted on 25 November 2015 under the item entitled “Maintenance of International Peace and Security.”<sup>3</sup> In the second statement, which was adopted on 31 December 2015 under the item entitled “United Nations peacekeeping operations”, the Council noted the view of the panel and the Secretary-General that the lack of effective

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<sup>1</sup> [S/2015/682](#)

<sup>2</sup> [S/2015/446](#)

<sup>3</sup> [S/PRST/2015/22](#)

dialogue through consultations between the Council, troop- and police-contributing countries, and the Secretariat had “generated frustration on all sides and undermined mandate implementation”.<sup>4</sup>

The Council also heard briefings by several Force Commanders and Police Commissioners of peacekeeping operations regarding the challenges they faced in the field.

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<sup>4</sup> [S/PRST/2015/26](#), para. 2

## Meetings: United Nations peacekeeping operations

<i>Meeting 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>
<a href="#">S/PV.7196</a> 11 June 2014	New trends  Letter dated 1 June 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General <a href="#">(S/2014/384)</a>		31 Member States <sup>a</sup>	Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations	Secretary-General, all Council members and all invitees <sup>b</sup>	
<a href="#">S/PV.7228</a> 28 July 2014	The United Nations and regional partnerships and its evolution  Letter dated 3 July 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General <a href="#">(S/2014/478)</a>	Draft resolution submitted by Argentina, Australia, Chad, Chile, Jordan, Luxembourg, Nigeria, Republic of Korea, Rwanda <a href="#">(S/2014/532)</a>	25 Member States <sup>c</sup>	Deputy Secretary-General of the European External Action Service, Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations, NATO Senior Civilian Liaison Officer to the United Nations	Secretary-General, all Council members and all invitees <sup>d</sup>	<a href="#">Resolution 2167 (2014)</a> 15-0-0
<a href="#">S/PV.7275</a> 9 October 2014				Military Adviser for Peacekeeping Operations, Force Commander of MONUSCO, Force Commander of MINUSMA, Force Commander of UNDOF	All Council members and all invitees	
<a href="#">S/PV.7317</a> 20 November 2014	The role of policing in peacekeeping and post-conflict peacebuilding	Draft resolution submitted by Australia, Chad, France, Jordan,		Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, Police Commissioner of UNMIL,	All Council members and all invitees <sup>e</sup>	<a href="#">Resolution 2185 (2014)</a> 15-0-0

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<a href="#">S/PV.7464</a> 17 June 2015	Letter dated 4 November 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ( <a href="#">S/2014/788</a> )	Lithuania, Luxembourg, Nigeria, Republic of Korea, United Kingdom, United States ( <a href="#">S/2014/828</a> )		Police Commissioner of UNMISS, Police Commissioner of MINUSCA	Under-Secretary General for Peacekeeping Operations, Force Commander of UNMISS, Force Commander of MINUSMA, Chief of Staff of UNTSO	All Council members and all invitees
<a href="#">S/PV.7558</a> 13 November 2015	The challenges of policing within a protection of civilians mandate	<a href="#">Resolution 2185 (2014)</a>		Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, Deputy Police Commissioner of UNMISS, Police Commissioner of MONUSCO, Police Commissioner of UNMIL		
<a href="#">S/PV.7599</a> 31 December 2015	Letter dated 5 November 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ( <a href="#">S/2015/844</a> )					<a href="#">S/PRST/2015/26</a>

<sup>a</sup> Bangladesh, Belarus, Brazil, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Malawi, Malaysia, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Senegal, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay and Viet Nam.

<sup>b</sup> The representative of Sweden spoke on behalf of the Nordic countries, the representative of Egypt spoke on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, and the representative of Malawi spoke on behalf of the Southern African Development Community.

<sup>c</sup> Armenia, Brazil, Egypt, Estonia, Fiji, Georgia, Germany, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Malawi, Malaysia, Morocco, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey and Zimbabwe.

<sup>d</sup> The representative of Sweden spoke on behalf of the Nordic countries, the representative of Thailand spoke on behalf of the Association of South East Asian Nations, the representative of Malawi spoke on behalf of the Southern African Development Community, and the representative of Egypt spoke on behalf of the non-Aligned movement.

<sup>e</sup> Australia was represented by its Minister for Foreign Affairs.