

12. Peace consolidation in West Africa

During the period under review, the Security Council held three meetings on peace consolidation in West Africa. The Council heard three briefings by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Office for West Africa (UNOWA), who presented the reports of the Secretary-General on the developments in West Africa, including the activities undertaken by UNOWA and its good offices efforts and support to regional initiatives in West Africa.⁴⁴ The Council in its deliberations focused

on the fragile political situation and economic challenges facing the subregion, including developments concerning the deadly pandemic of Ebola virus disease, the security threat posed by Boko Haram, electoral crises, cross-border issues such as terrorism, transnational organized crime, drug trafficking and piracy in the Gulf of Guinea, as well as the role of UNOWA in addressing those issues and its preventive diplomacy.

⁴⁴ For more information on the mandate of UNOWA, see part X, sect. II, “Political and peacebuilding missions”.

Meetings: peace consolidation in West Africa

<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.7213 8 July 2014	Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Office for West Africa (UNOWA) (S/2014/442)			Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of UNOWA	Special Representative	
S/PV.7357 8 January 2015	Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of UNOWA (S/2014/945)			Special Representative of the Secretary-General	Special Representative	
S/PV.7480 7 July 2015	Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of UNOWA (S/2015/472)			Special Representative of the Secretary-General	Special Representative	

13. Peace and security in Africa

During the period under review, the Security Council held nine meetings, adopted one resolution and issued three presidential statements under the item entitled “Peace and security in Africa”. The deliberations of the Council focused on the developments in the Sahel region and the challenges posed by the outbreak of Ebola virus disease at the end of 2014.

In the context of the Sahel, the deliberations in the Council concentrated on the implementation of the United Nations integrated strategy for the Sahel and its three main pillars, namely, governance, security and resilience. The Council adopted two presidential statements expressing concern about the situation in the Sahel region.⁴⁵ The Council also reaffirmed its

⁴⁵ [S/PRST/2014/17](#) and [S/PRST/2015/24](#).