

^z Albania, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Latvia, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Maldives, Malta, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay.

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^{bb} China, Egypt, France, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay.

35. Briefings

During the period under review, the Security Council held 10 briefings that were not explicitly connected to any specific item before it. More information on the meetings, including on participants and speakers, is given in the tables below.

In 2016–2017, four of the meetings were held under the item “Briefings by Chairs of subsidiary bodies of the Security Council”. At the end of each year, the Council heard briefings by the outgoing Chairs of the subsidiary bodies³⁷¹ focusing on the work of the committees concerned, including detecting and preventing the spread of Da’esh, Al-Qaida and affiliates, stemming the flow of foreign terrorist fighters and preventing terrorists from acquiring or producing weapons of mass destruction. The Chairs also briefed the Council on cooperation among the respective committees and groups of experts.³⁷²

Two meetings were held under the item “Briefing by the Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe”. The Chairperson-

in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) briefed the Council on the situation in and around Ukraine, including the work of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine on military de-escalation and the partial withdrawal of weapons, on OSCE activities in resolving protracted conflicts in the region and on its collaboration with the United Nations.

In 2017, the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator briefed the Council on humanitarian issues of a cross-boundary nature, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees held a briefing on large-scale refugee movements and massive displacement across all regions caused by new and protracted conflicts.

In addition, following established practice, the Council heard two briefings by the President of the International Court of Justice at closed meetings.³⁷³

³⁷¹ S/PV.7845 and S/PV.8127.

³⁷² S/PV.7686 and S/PV.7936.

³⁷³ Held on 26 October 2016 and 25 October 2017; see S/PV.7794 and S/PV.8075.

Meetings: briefings by Chairs of subsidiary bodies of the Security Council

Meeting record and date	Sub-item	Other documents	Rule 37 invitations	Rule 39 and other invitations	Speakers	Decisions and vote (for-against- abstaining)
S/PV.7686 4 May 2016					Chair of the Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015) concerning Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da’esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities; Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism; Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004); all other Council members	

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<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>Decisions and vote (for-against-abstaining)</i>
S/PV.7845 19 December 2016					Chair of the Committee pursuant to resolutions 751 (1992) and 1907 (2009) concerning Somalia and Eritrea and Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan; Chair of the Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015) and Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1988 (2011); Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa; Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) and Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006); Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1970 (2011) concerning Libya and Chair of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict	
S/PV.7936 11 May 2017					Chair of the Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015); Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001); ^a Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004); all other Council members	
S/PV.8127 8 December 2017					Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 2206 (2015) concerning South Sudan and Chair of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations; Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001), the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1518 (2003) and the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo; Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan and the Committee established pursuant to resolution 2127 (2013) concerning the Central African Republic; Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006); Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 2048 (2012) concerning Guinea-Bissau and the Informal Working Group on International Tribunals; Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1636 (2005), the Committee established pursuant to resolution 2140 (2014) and the Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions	

^a Before his briefing, the Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism made a joint statement on behalf of the Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015), the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) and the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), in which he highlighted the continuing cooperation among the three committees and their respective expert groups.

Meetings: briefings by the Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

<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>Decisions and vote (for-against-abstaining)</i>
S/PV.7635 29 February 2016				Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany	All Council members, Chairperson-in-Office of OSCE	
S/PV.7887 22 February 2017				Chairperson-in-Office of OSCE and Federal Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of Austria	All Council members, ^a Chairperson-in-Office of OSCE	

^a Kazakhstan was represented by its Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Meetings: briefings by the President of the International Court of Justice

<i>Meeting record and date</i>	<i>Rule 39 and other invitations</i>	<i>Speakers</i>
S/PV.7794 26 October 2016 (closed)	President of the International Court of Justice	Council members, President of the International Court of Justice
S/PV/8075 25 October 2017 (closed)	President of the International Court of Justice	Council members, President of the International Court of Justice

Meetings: briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator

<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>Decisions and vote (for-against-abstaining)</i>
S/PV.7897 10 March 2017				Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	All Council members, Under-Secretary-General	

Meetings: briefing by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

<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>Decisions and vote (for-against-abstaining)</i>
S/PV.8083 2 November 2017				United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	All Council members, ^a United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	

^a Italy (President of the Security Council) was represented by its Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

36. Security Council mission

During the period under review, the Security Council dispatched 10 missions to the field, including eight to Africa, during which the Council visited a number of countries,³⁷⁴ as well as one mission to Colombia and one to Haiti. The missions were composed of representatives of all members of the Council. Further to the missions, the Council held nine meetings under the item entitled “Security Council mission”, at which it heard briefings by the representatives of the Council members leading or co-leading the missions. The Security Council mission to South Sudan and Addis Ababa was conducted from 2 to 5 September 2016,³⁷⁵ but no formal open briefing was convened. More information on the meetings, including on participants and speakers, is given in the table below.³⁷⁶

During the missions, as reported during the briefings, Council members met with Government officials, representatives of the political opposition³⁷⁷ and representatives of civil society,³⁷⁸ including

representatives of women’s organizations,³⁷⁹ human rights organizations³⁸⁰ and youth associations.³⁸¹ In addition, the members of the Council met with representatives of the private sector³⁸² and representatives of independent media.³⁸³ Furthermore, Council members met with the Peace and Security Council of the African Union in Addis Ababa,³⁸⁴ and the Council conducted its first joint consultative meeting with the League of Arab States in Cairo.³⁸⁵ During the mission to the Sahel region from 19 to 22 October 2017, the Council met with the Permanent Secretary of the Group of Five for the Sahel.³⁸⁶

At some briefings on the missions, in addition to the representatives of the Council members who lead or co-lead the mission, other members of the Council, as well as other participants in the meetings, made statements in regard to the situation in the countries concerned.³⁸⁷

³⁷⁴ Angola, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia (Addis Ababa, with the African Union), Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Kenya, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Somalia and South Sudan.

³⁷⁵ For more information, see letter dated 1 September 2016 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General, containing the terms of reference (S/2016/757).

³⁷⁶ For more information on the composition and reports of the missions, see part VI, sect. II.A.

³⁷⁷ S/PV.7615 (Burundi); S/PV.7647 (Guinea-Bissau); and S/PV.7819 (Democratic Republic of the Congo).

³⁷⁸ S/PV.7615 (Burundi); S/PV.7696 (Somalia); S/PV.7819 (Democratic Republic of Congo); S/PV.7894 (Lake Chad Basin region: Chad and Nigeria); S/PV.7941 (Colombia); S/PV.7994 (Haiti); and S/PV.8077 (Mali and Burkina Faso).

³⁷⁹ S/PV.7647 (Mali); S/PV.7819 (Democratic Republic of the Congo); S/PV.7696 (Somalia); and S/PV.7941 (Colombia).

³⁸⁰ S/PV.7819 (Democratic Republic of the Congo).

³⁸¹ Ibid. (Democratic Republic of the Congo).

³⁸² S/PV.7994 (Haiti).

³⁸³ S/PV.7615 (Burundi).

³⁸⁴ Ibid.

³⁸⁵ S/PV.7696.

³⁸⁶ S/PV.8077.

³⁸⁷ S/PV.7894, pp. 7–9 (Deputy Secretary-General); pp. 9–10 (Uruguay); p. 10–11 (Sweden); pp.11–12 (Italy), p. 12–13 (United States); and p. 13 (Japan); S/PV.7941, pp. 4–5 (Plurinational State of Bolivia); and pp. 5–6 (Colombia).

Meetings: Security Council mission

<i>Meeting record and date</i>	<i>Sub-item</i>	<i>Documents</i>	<i>Invitations</i>	<i>Speakers</i>
S/PV.7615 29 January 2016	Briefing by Security Council mission to Africa (21 to 23 January 2016)	Letter dated 20 January 2016 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2016/55)		Two Council members (Egypt, France)
S/PV.7647 16 March 2016	Briefing by Security Council mission to West Africa (3 to 9 March 2016)	Letter dated 3 March 2016 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General Further (S/2016/215) Report of the Security Council mission to Mali, Guinea-Bissau and Senegal (S/2016/511)		Three Council members (Angola, France, Senegal)