

41. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security

During the period under review, the Security Council held eight meetings, adopted one resolution and issued one presidential statement in connection with the item entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security”. More information on the meetings, including on participants, speakers and outcomes, is given in the table below.

The Council considered cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union on peace and security issues at four meetings in 2016–2017.⁴³⁵ On 24 May 2016, the Council adopted a presidential statement in which it acknowledged the progress made in the ongoing cooperation between the two organizations and stressed the importance of strengthening it and developing an effective partnership underpinned by mutual consultations between the Security Council and the Peace and Security Council of the African Union in their respective decision-making processes and common strategies for a holistic response to conflict, as appropriate, based on respective comparative advantage, transparency and accountability to address common security challenges in Africa in accordance with the Charter, including Chapter VIII and the purposes and principles. The Council commended the efforts of the African Union to further strengthen its capacity, including through the operationalization of the African Peace and Security Architecture, and welcomed continued cooperation on its different components, including on early warning, preventive diplomacy, mediation, electoral assistance, peacekeeping, conflict prevention and resolution, promotion of human rights and the rule of law, protection of women and children in conflict and post-conflict, and post-conflict recovery and reconstruction.⁴³⁶

During the period under review, the Council also considered proposals from the Secretary-General, in coordination with the African Union, on possible options to finance and support African Union peace operations authorized by the Council. In resolution 2320 (2016) of 18 November 2016, the Council stressed the need to enhance the predictability, sustainability and flexibility of financing for African Union-led peace support operations, and expressed its readiness to consider proposals in that regard. The Council emphasized that consultative analysis and joint planning with the United Nations was critical to developing joint recommendations on the scope and resource implications of potential peace support operations.⁴³⁷

At two meetings the Council discussed cooperation on the maintenance of peace and security between the United Nations and the European Union.⁴³⁸ Council members emphasized the shared values of the two organizations in the maintenance of international peace and security and, specifically, in the context of a range of conflicts and issues of mutual concern, including the conflict in the Syrian Arab Republic and the nuclear programme in the Islamic Republic of Iran, global migration and displacement, and counter-terrorism and violent extremism.

The contributions of regional and subregional organizations in addressing threats to international peace and security, including with respect to combating terrorism, drug trafficking, organized crime and countering extremist ideology, were also discussed at two additional meetings, one on the partnership between the United Nations and the Collective Security Treaty Organization, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the Commonwealth of Independent States,⁴³⁹ and one on the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.⁴⁴⁰

⁴³⁵ See [S/PV.7694](#), [S/PV.7816](#), [S/PV.7971](#) and [S/PV.8044](#).

⁴³⁶ [S/PRST/2016/8](#), fourth and fifth paragraphs.

⁴³⁷ Resolution 2320 (2016), paras. 3, 7 and 9.

⁴³⁸ See [S/PV.7705](#) and [S/PV.7935](#).

⁴³⁹ See [S/PV.7796](#).

⁴⁴⁰ See [S/PV.7813](#).

Meetings: Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security

<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.7694 24 May 2016	United Nations-African Union peace and security cooperation: Chapter VIII application and the future of the African Peace and Security Architecture Letter dated 9 May 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2016/428)		24 invitees ^a	Kenya (Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission), Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations, Special Representative of the Secretary-General to the African Union and Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sudan and South Sudan, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations	All Council members, all invitees ^b	S/PRST/2016/8
S/PV.7705 6 June 2016	European Union			High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy	All Council members, High Representative of the European Union	
S/PV.7796 28 October 2016	Collective Security Treaty Organization, Shanghai Cooperation Organization and Commonwealth of Independent States Letter dated 14 October 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2016/867)		Eight Member States ^c	Secretary-General of the Collective Security Treaty Organization, Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States	Secretary-General, all Council members, ^d all invitees ^e	

**Part I. Consideration of questions under the responsibility of
the Security Council for the maintenance of
international peace and security**

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S/PV.7813 17 November 2016	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation: “Enhancing the strategic partnership in the area of countering extremist ideology” Letter dated 11 November 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2016/965)			Assistant Secretary- General for Economic Affairs of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Assistant Secretary- General for Political Affairs, Chair of the Department of French and Romance Philology at Columbia University	All Council members, all invitees	
S/PV.7816 18 November 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening partnership between the United Nations and the African Union on issues of peace and security in Africa, including the work of the United Nations Office to the African Union (S/2016/780) Identical letters dated 22 September 2016 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council (S/2016/809) Letter dated 10 November 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2016/966)	Draft resolution submitted by Senegal and United States (S/2016/977)		Assistant Secretary- General for Peacekeeping Operations, Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations, Special Representative of the Secretary- General to the African Union, African Union High Representative for the Peace Fund, Head of the Delegation of the European Union	All Council members, ^f all invitees ^g	Resolution 2320 (2016) 15-0-0

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S/PV.7935 9 May 2017	European Union			High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy	All Council members, High Representative of the European Union	
S/PV.7971 15 June 2017	African Union Report of the Secretary-General on options for authorization and support for African Union peace support operations (S/2017/454)			Chef de Cabinet of the Secretary-General, Commissioner for Peace and Security of the African Union, African Union High Representative for the Peace Fund	13 Council members, ^h all invitees ⁱ	
S/PV.8044 12 September 2017	African Union Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the partnership between the United Nations and the African Union on issues of peace and security in Africa, including on the work of the United Nations Office to the African Union (S/2017/744)			Special Representative of the Secretary-General to the African Union and Head of the United Nations Office to the African Union	All Council members, Special Representative	

^a Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Kazakhstan, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, South Africa, Sudan, Sweden, Turkey and Thailand.

^b Sweden was represented by its State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, who spoke on behalf of the Nordic countries. The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran spoke on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

^c Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Pakistan.

^d Ukraine was represented by the Ambassador-at-Large of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

^e The representative of Belarus spoke on behalf of the States members of the Collective Security Treaty Organization; and the representative of Kazakhstan spoke on behalf of the States members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

^f Senegal (President of the Security Council) was represented by its Minister for Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad.

^g The Head of the Delegation of the European Union spoke on behalf of the European Union and Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Montenegro, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Ukraine.

^h Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (President of the Security Council), China, Ethiopia, France, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay. The representative of Ethiopia spoke on behalf of the three African members of the Council, namely, Egypt, Ethiopia and Senegal.

ⁱ The Commissioner for Peace and Security of the African Union participated in the meeting via videoconference from Addis Ababa.