

### 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,<sup>374</sup> 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,<sup>375</sup> but no formal open briefing was convened. More information on the meetings, including on participants and speakers, is given in the table below.<sup>376</sup>

During the missions, as reported during the briefings, Council members met with Government officials, representatives of the political opposition<sup>377</sup> and representatives of civil society,<sup>378</sup> including

representatives of women’s organizations,<sup>379</sup> human rights organizations<sup>380</sup> and youth associations.<sup>381</sup> In addition, the members of the Council met with representatives of the private sector<sup>382</sup> and representatives of independent media.<sup>383</sup> Furthermore, Council members met with the Peace and Security Council of the African Union in Addis Ababa,<sup>384</sup> and the Council conducted its first joint consultative meeting with the League of Arab States in Cairo.<sup>385</sup> 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.<sup>386</sup>

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.<sup>387</sup>

<sup>374</sup> 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.

<sup>375</sup> 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).

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

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

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

<sup>381</sup> Ibid. (Democratic Republic of the Congo).

<sup>382</sup> S/PV.7994 (Haiti).

<sup>383</sup> S/PV.7615 (Burundi).

<sup>384</sup> Ibid.

<sup>385</sup> S/PV.7696.

<sup>386</sup> S/PV.8077.

<sup>387</sup> 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)

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<a href="#">S/PV.7696</a> 25 May 2016	Briefing by the Security Council mission to the Horn of Africa (17 to 22 May 2016)	Letter dated 17 May 2016 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General ( <a href="#">S/2016/456</a> )		Two Council members (Egypt, United Kingdom)
<a href="#">S/PV.7819</a> 23 November 2016	Briefing by Security Council mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Angola (10 to 14 November 2016)	Letter dated 9 November 2016 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General ( <a href="#">S/2016/948</a> )		Two Council members (Angola, France)
<a href="#">S/PV.7894</a> 9 March 2017	Briefing by the Security Council mission to the Lake Chad basin region (1 to 7 March 2017)	Letter dated 1 March 2017 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General ( <a href="#">S/2017/181</a> )  Report of the Security Council mission to the Lake Chad Basin region (Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Nigeria), 1–7 March 2017 ( <a href="#">S/2017/403</a> )		Deputy Secretary-General, Eight Council members <sup>a</sup>
<a href="#">S/PV.7941</a> 16 May 2017	Briefing by Security Council mission to Colombia (3 to 5 May 2017)	Letter dated 5 April 2017 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General ( <a href="#">S/2017/289</a> )	Colombia	Three Council members (Bolivia (Plurinational State of), United Kingdom, Uruguay), Colombia
<a href="#">S/PV.7994</a> 30 June 2017	Briefing by Security Council mission to Haiti (22 to 24 June 2017)	Letter dated 15 June 2017 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General ( <a href="#">S/2017/511</a> )		One Council member (Bolivia (Plurinational State of))
<a href="#">S/PV.8043</a> 12 September 2017	Briefing by Security Council mission to Ethiopia (6 to 8 September 2017)	Letter dated 1 September 2017 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General ( <a href="#">S/2017/757</a> )  Report of the Security Council mission to Ethiopia (6 to 8 September 2017) ( <a href="#">S/2017/1002</a> )		One Council member (Ethiopia)
<a href="#">S/PV.8077</a> 26 October 2017	Briefing by Security Council mission to the Sahel region (19 to 22 October 2017)	Letter dated 16 October 2017 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General ( <a href="#">S/2017/871</a> )		Three Council members (Ethiopia, France, Italy)

<sup>a</sup> France, Italy, Japan, Senegal, Sweden, United Kingdom (President of the Security Council), United States and Uruguay.

## 37. Items relating to non-proliferation

### A. Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction

During the period under review, the Security Council held five meetings, including three high-level meetings,<sup>388</sup> and adopted one resolution under

Chapter VII of the Charter in connection with the item entitled “Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction”. The Council held a briefing at only one of the meetings, at which the Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) focused specifically on ways to improve the effective implementation of the resolution by Member States. Three meetings were held as open debates and one was

<sup>388</sup> See [S/PV/7758](#), [S/PV.7837](#) and [S/PV.8053](#).