

Meetings: Security Council resolutions [1160 \(1998\)](#), [1199 \(1998\)](#), [1203 \(1998\)](#), [1239 \(1999\)](#) and [1244 \(1999\)](#)

<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.8459 7 February 2019	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) (S/2019/102)		Serbia	Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Kosovo and Head UNMIK, Vlora Çitaku	All Council members, all invitees ^{a,b}	
S/PV.8541 10 June 2019	Report of the Secretary-General on UNMIK (S/2019/461)		Serbia	Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel, Vlora Çitaku	All Council members, all invitees ^{a,b}	
S/PV.8655 31 October 2019	Report of the Secretary-General on UNMIK (S/2019/797)		Serbia	Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Vlora Çitaku	All Council members, all invitees ^a	

^a Serbia was represented by its First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs.

^b The Special Representative participated in the meeting by videoconference from Pristina.

21. Items relating to Ukraine

A. Letter dated 28 February 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council ([S/2014/136](#))

During the period under review, the Council held one meeting, in the form of a briefing,⁴⁰⁴ in connection with the item entitled “Letter dated 28 February 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council ([S/2014/136](#))”. More information on

the meeting, including on participants and speakers, is given in the table below.

On 25 April 2019,⁴⁰⁵ the Council heard briefings under the item by the Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, the Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, the Chief Monitor of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine and the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine and in the Trilateral Contact Group. Against the backdrop of presidential elections held on 21 April 2019 in Ukraine

⁴⁰⁴ For more information on the format of meetings, see part II, sect. I.

⁴⁰⁵ See [S/PV.8516](#).

and the issuance of a Russian presidential decree on 24 April that made it possible for Ukrainians to obtain Russian citizenship under a simplified procedure, the briefers focused on the importance of the full implementation of the Minsk agreements and on the need to avoid the politicization of humanitarian assistance to address the situation in the eastern part of the country, including the need to raise funds and to urgently carry out humanitarian demining. They expressed concern at the worsening security situation, which had affected freedom of movement in the country and the ability of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to fulfil its mandated tasks.

In the discussion during the meeting, Council members⁴⁰⁶ focused primarily on the decision by the Russian Federation to expedite the granting of Russian nationality to Ukrainian citizens residing in the

⁴⁰⁶ France, United States, Belgium, Poland, Peru, United Kingdom and Russian Federation.

Donetsk and Luhansk regions and the impact of that decision on the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine and the Minsk agreements. Council members also discussed the security situation in eastern Ukraine, with some⁴⁰⁷ focusing in particular on the de-escalation of conflict and others⁴⁰⁸ on its impact on the humanitarian conditions on the ground and on the provision of humanitarian assistance.

In 2019, the Council also considered the situation in Ukraine under the item entitled “Letter dated 13 April 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/264)”,⁴⁰⁹

⁴⁰⁷ France, United States, South Africa, Kuwait and Indonesia.

⁴⁰⁸ France, South Africa, Belgium, Equatorial Guinea, Kuwait, Côte d’Ivoire, Peru and United Kingdom.

⁴⁰⁹ See part I, sect. 21.B.

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S/PV.8516 25 April 2019			Ukraine	Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, Chief Monitor of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine, Special Representative of the OSCE	All Council members, all invitees ^a	

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					Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine and in the Trilateral Contact Group	

^a The Chief Monitor of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission and the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office participated in the meeting by videoconference from Kyiv.

B. Letter dated 13 April 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/264)

During the period under review, the Council held two meetings in connection with the item entitled “Letter dated 13 April 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/264)”.⁴¹⁰ Both meetings took the form of briefings.⁴¹¹ More information on the meetings, including on participants and speakers, is given in the table below.

During the two meetings held under this item on 12 February and 16 July 2019, the Council heard briefings by a variety of speakers. At the meeting on 12 February,⁴¹² the Council heard briefings by the Assistant Secretary-General for Europe, Central Asia and the Americas, the Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, the Chief Monitor of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine, the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine and in the Trilateral Contact Group. In their statements, briefers focused on the overall security situation in eastern Ukraine and the continued challenges to the implementation of the Minsk agreements. They called for the protection of civilians and civilian infrastructure through, among other things,

the full withdrawal of heavy weapons, the disengagement of forces and the scaling up of humanitarian mine action. They also called for improving the access of humanitarian actors and the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission.

These topics were also discussed by Council members. Also at the meeting on 12 February, the representative of the Russian Federation explained that the meeting was being held at the initiative of his delegation in order to discuss the implementation of the Package of Measures for the Implementation of the Minsk Agreements signed four years earlier, on 12 February 2015. Most Council members called for the full implementation of resolution 2202 (2015), by which the Council had endorsed the Package of Measures, and of the presidential statement of 6 June 2018,⁴¹³ in which, inter alia, the Council reiterated the importance of implementing the Minsk agreements and called for the United Nations to address the humanitarian crisis in eastern Ukraine. Council members expressed differing views about the origins of the conflict and the parties responsible for the situation.⁴¹⁴

On 16 July 2019,⁴¹⁵ the Council heard briefings by the Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities. The briefings were focused on the law establishing Ukrainian as the sole State language in Ukraine, which entered into force on 16 July 2019, and on the views and recommendations of the relevant office of the United Nations and OSCE. While acknowledging the right of Ukraine to promote its national language, the briefers expressed the need to respect the ethnic and linguistic diversity of the country and called for sufficient legal guarantees for the protection of the linguistic rights of persons belonging to national minorities. At the same

⁴¹⁰ In addition to the two meetings held, the provisional agenda for the 8529th meeting was not adopted, having failed to obtain the required number of votes (S/PV.8529). For more information on the adoption of the agenda, see part II, sect. II.A.

⁴¹¹ For more information on the format of meetings, see part II, sect. I.

⁴¹² See S/PV.8461.

⁴¹³ S/PRST/2018/12.

⁴¹⁴ See S/PV.8461 (Russian Federation, Germany, Poland, United States, France, United Kingdom and Belgium).

⁴¹⁵ See S/PV.8575.