

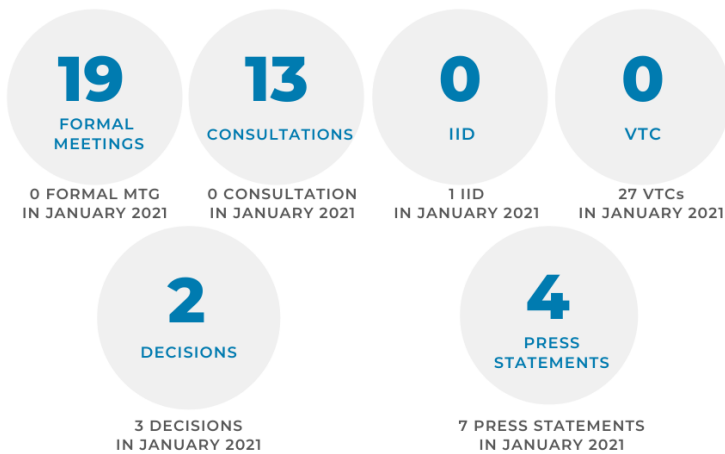
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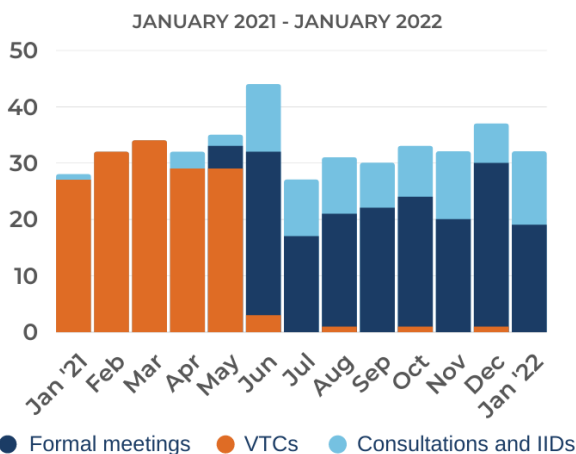
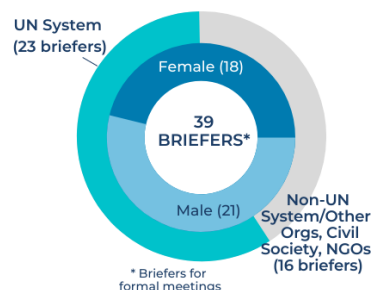
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January 2022 at a Glance



Most frequently discussed topics (open & closed) in January 2022

- Middle East**
- Threats to International Peace and Security
- Cyprus**
- Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- Libya**



Under the **Presidency of Norway**, the Security Council held **two high-level signature events**:

- An open debate on **Women and peace and security**, focused on **addressing violence targeting women in peace and security processes** (18 January). The **Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway** presided over the meeting.
- An open debate on **Protection of civilians in armed conflict**, focused on **wars in cities - protection of civilians in urban settings** (25 January). The **Prime Minister of Norway** presided over the meeting.

The Council also held two meetings at the ministerial level, a quarterly open debate on the **Middle East, including the Palestinian question** (19 January) with the **Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway** presiding over the meeting, and a briefing on the **situation in Afghanistan** (26 January), presided over by the **Prime Minister of Norway** with the participation of the Secretary-General.

Key Topics

The **Middle East** was the most frequently considered country- or region-specific item in open and closed discussions (5, 12, 26 and 27 January), followed by **Cyprus** (12, 17 and 27 January) including a private meeting with troop-contributing countries to **UNFICYP**. The **Democratic People's Republic of Korea** (10 and 20 January) and **Libya** (24 and 31 January) were discussed more than once.

Other country or region-specific items considered by the Council included: **Afghanistan, Colombia, Mali, the Middle East, including the Palestinian question, Myanmar, Peace consolidation in West Africa and Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan.**

Council members also held their biannual consultations on the **United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia** and discussed **Ethiopia** and the **Sudan** under other matters (AOB).

Threats to international peace and security (21 and 31 January) was the most frequently discussed thematic item; informal consultations on the attacks by the Houthis on the **United Arab Emirates** were held in connection with this item and a briefing focused on **Ukraine** was held under this item.

Procedural notes

A [digital programme of work](#) was launched by the Presidency of Norway combining all activities of the Security Council.

On 4 January, the annual flag installation ceremony was held to honour the five incoming elected members of the Council, **Albania**, **Brazil**, **Gabon**, **Ghana** and the **United Arab Emirates**, as they began their two-year term on the Council.

On 13 January, the note by the President on the list of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of subsidiary bodies of the Security Council for the period ending 31 December 2022 was issued (see [S/2022/2](#)).

On 31 January, at the outset of the meeting held under the item entitled **Threats to international peace and security** focused on Ukraine, the Council's provisional agenda for the meeting was put to a procedural vote and was adopted with ten votes in favour, two against and three abstentions (see [S/PV.8960](#)).

Decisions and press statements

In January 2022, the Council adopted **two resolutions**. The Council did not issue any **presidential statement** during the month.

On 27 January, the Council adopted resolution [2618 \(2022\)](#), extending the mandate of **UNFICYP** until 31 July 2022. The Council adopted resolution [2619 \(2022\)](#), on 31 January, extending the mandate of **UNSMIL** until 30 April 2022.

The Council issued **four press statements** on the following topics: the situation in **Yemen** ([SC/14765](#)), terrorist attacks in the **United Arab Emirates** ([SC/14771](#)) and in **Iraq** ([SC/14774](#)) and the peace process in **Colombia** ([SC/14781](#)).

Other activities

On 13 January, in its capacity as the President of the Council for the month, Norway organized a President's retreat on **Preventive Diplomacy and Mediation** (see [S/2022/21](#)) which was held in person at the Greentree Foundation in Manhasset, New York.

On 20 January, members of the Council participated in a [Virtual Reality experience](#) on **Colombia** in the Security Council Chamber before a briefing on the **UN Verification Mission in Colombia**.

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Dashboards pertaining to Field Missions, Women and Peace and Security, Children and Armed Conflict, Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict, Women at the Security Council are updated with the latest data available for 2021. Dashboards on Security Council Membership and the Subsidiary Organs Chairs and Vice-Chairs are updated with the latest data for 2022. For more information about the Council's working methods during the COVID-19 pandemic, see 23rd Supplement (2020) [Part II](#) on procedural developments.