

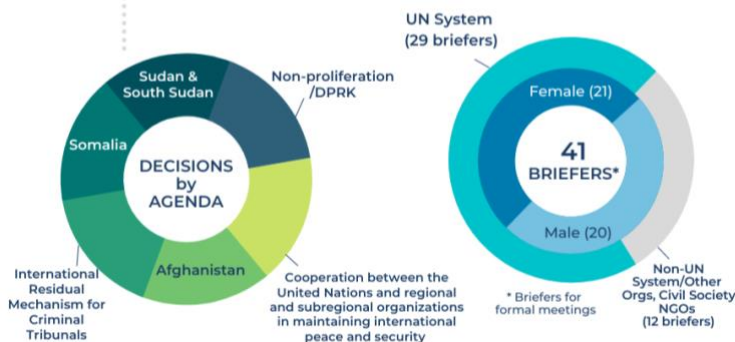
UN Security Council in Review

March 2022



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March 2022 at a Glance



Under the **Presidency of the United Arab Emirates (UAE)**, the Security Council held **two signature events**:

- A ministerial-level open debate on **Women and peace and security** (8 March), focusing on women’s economic inclusion and participation as a key to building peace. **The Minister for Climate Change and Environment of the United Arab Emirates** presided over the meeting. The Council was briefed by the Executive Director of UN-Women, the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund and a civil society representative.
- A briefing on **Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security** (23 March), focusing on cooperation with the League of Arab States. **The Minister of State of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Arab Emirates** presided over the meeting. The Council was briefed by the Secretary-General, the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States and a civil society representative.

Key Topics

The **Middle East** (10, 15, 17, 24 and 30 March) and **Sudan and South Sudan** (3, 7, 15, and two meetings on 28 March), including a private meeting with troop-contributing countries to UNMISS, were the most frequently considered country- or region-specific items in open and closed discussions, followed by items relating to **Ukraine** (4, 23 and 29 March) and **Afghanistan** (2 and 17 March).

Other country or region-specific items considered by the Council included: the **Democratic Republic of the Congo**, **Libya**, the **Middle East**, including the **Palestinian question**, **Non-proliferation/DPRK** and **Somalia**.

Council members discussed **Afghanistan, DPRK, Somalia, Ukraine** and Iraq (**UNAMI**) under other matters (AOB).

The most frequently considered thematic item was **Threats to international peace and security** (TIPS) (7, 11, 17 and 18 March), with discussions focused on the situation in **Ukraine**. In addition to the two signature events and the meetings held under TIPS, the Council held meetings under these thematic items: **Briefing by the Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals** and **Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction**.

Procedural notes

The Council convened six emergency meetings in the format of briefings to address the situation in **Ukraine** under agenda items **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)** (4 and 29 March) and **TIPS** (7, 11, 17 and 18 March). Ukraine participated in five of these meetings under rule 37 of the Provisional Rules of Procedure.

On 23 March, at a meeting held under the item **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)**, a draft resolution on the humanitarian situation in **Ukraine (S/2022/231)** submitted by Belarus, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and the Syrian Arab Republic was not adopted, having failed to obtain the required number of votes.

On 18 March, the **Informal Working Group on Documentation and other Procedural Questions** held its first meeting of the year, chaired by Albania as the new Chair of the Informal Working Group.

Decisions and press statements

In March 2022, the Council adopted **four resolutions**, two of which were adopted unanimously. Three of the four resolutions were adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter. The Council also issued two **presidential statements** during the month.

On 15 March, the Council adopted resolution [2625 \(2022\)](#), with two abstentions, extending the mandate of **UNMISS** until 15 March 2023. By resolution [2626 \(2022\)](#) adopted on 17 March with one abstention, the Council extended the mandate of **UNAMA** until 17 March 2023. The Council adopted resolution [2627 \(2022\)](#) on 25 March, extending until 30 April 2023 the mandate of the **Panel of Experts** established pursuant to resolution [1874 \(2009\)](#) to assist the Committee established pursuant to resolution [1718 \(2006\)](#) concerning **DPRK**. On 31 March, by resolution [2628 \(2022\)](#), the Council endorsed a decision made with the African Union to **reconfigure AMISOM into the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS)**.

On 23 March, the Council issued its first presidential statement of the year ([S/PRST/2022/1](#)), focused on strengthening **cooperation between the League of Arab States and the United Nations**, including the **Security Council**. On 31 March the Council issued a second presidential statement ([S/PRST/2022/2](#)), requesting the **International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals to submit, by 14 April 2022, a report** on its activities since June 2020.

The Council issued **four press statements** on the following topics: the terrorist attack in Peshawar, **Pakistan (SC/14820)**, the attack against **MINUSMA (SC/14824)**, the recent terrorist attacks in **Somalia (SC/14840)** and access to education by girls in **Afghanistan (SC/14842)**.

Other activities

In March, Council members convened two Arria-formula meetings: a **ministerial-level meeting on climate finance for sustaining peace and security** convened by UAE (9 March), and a meeting on **ensuring access to mental health and psychosocial support in conflict, post-conflict, and humanitarian settings** convened by Mexico (25 March).

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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.