

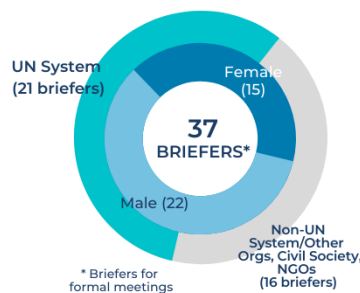
UN Security Council in Review

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May 2022 at a Glance



Under the **Presidency of the United States**, the Security Council held **two signature events**:

- A high-level open debate on **Maintenance of international peace and security** (19 May), examining the nexus between **conflict and food security**. The Secretary of State presided over the meeting and the Secretary-General briefed the Council.
- A debate on **Maintenance of international peace and security** (23 May), focused on **technology and security**.

Key Topics

The **Middle East** (9, 17, 20, 27 and 31 May), **Ukraine** (5, 6, 12 and 13 May), **Non-proliferation/DPRK** (11, 26 and 27 May) and **Sudan and South Sudan** (12, 24 and 26 May) were among the most frequently considered country- or region-specific items in open and closed discussions, followed by **Iraq** (17 and 26 May), **Peace and security in Africa** (18 and 31 May) and **Somalia** (23 and 26 May).

Other country or region-specific items considered by the Council included: **Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Libya, Middle East including the Palestinian question and Myanmar**. Council members also discussed **Haiti and Mali** under other matters (AOB). On 24 May, the Council held a closed, informal interactive dialogue on **Libya** and heard a briefing from the Director for the Integrated Approach for Peace and Security at the European External Action Services.

In addition to the signature events mentioned above, the Council also held an annual open debate (25 May) on the **Protection of civilians in armed conflict**.

Procedural notes

On 6 May, the Informal Working Group on Documentation and other Procedural Questions held its second meeting of the year, chaired by Albania.

On 20 May 2022, the Security Council adopted its **annual report to the General Assembly**, covering the period from 1 January to 31 December 2021 ([S/2022/403](#)). The Permanent Representative of France, whose delegation coordinated the drafting of the report's introduction, presented the text to the Council (see [S/PV.9037](#)).

On 26 May (see [S/PV.9048](#)), **vetoes** were cast by China and the Russian Federation on a draft resolution ([S/2022/431](#)) under **Non-proliferation/DPRK**. This was the first veto in relation to this agenda item and the first veto since the adoption of General Assembly resolution [76/262](#) entitled “**Standing mandate for a General Assembly debate when a veto is cast in the Security Council**”. In accordance with the resolution, the Security Council submitted a special report on 2 June 2022 ([A/76/853](#)).

Decisions and press statements

The Council issued one presidential statement ([S/PRST/2022/3](#)) on 6 May, expressing deep concern regarding the maintenance of international peace and security of **Ukraine** and strong support for the Secretary-General's efforts in the search for a peaceful solution to the war in Ukraine. This was the first decision of the Security Council in connection with the item “Maintenance of international peace and security of Ukraine”.

The Council also adopted five resolutions, four of which were adopted unanimously. On 12 May, the Council adopted resolution [2630 \(2022\)](#) under Chapter VII, extending the mandate of the **United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA)** until 15 November 2022. On 27 May, the Council adopted resolution [2631 \(2022\)](#), authorizing the extension of the **United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI)** for a year until 31 May 2023. On the same day, the Council adopted resolution [2632 \(2022\)](#), extending the mandate of the **United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM)** through 31 October 2022 and resolution [2633 \(2022\)](#) with **five abstentions** (see [S/PV.9045](#)), renewing the sanctions measures on **South Sudan**. On 31 May, the Council adopted resolution [2634 \(2022\)](#) on maritime security in the **Gulf of Guinea**.

The Council issued **five press statements** on the following topics: the terrorist attack by Al-Shabaab against the African Union Transition Mission in **Somalia** (ATMIS) ([SC/14883](#)), the killing of journalist **Shireen Abu Akleh** ([SC/14891](#)), the human rights situation of women and girls in **Afghanistan** ([SC/14902](#)), the situation in the **Democratic Republic of the Congo** ([SC/14903](#)) and the holding of the legislative elections in **Lebanon** ([SC/14905](#)).

Other activities

In May, Council members convened two **Arria-formula meetings** on the following topics: “**Systematic and mass grave violations of the international humanitarian law as well as other war crimes committed by the Ukrainian military personnel and militia and discovered in the course of ongoing special military operation of the Russian armed forces**” convened by the Russian Federation (6 May), and “**Protection of journalists**” convened by Ireland (24 May).

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