

# UN Security Council in Review

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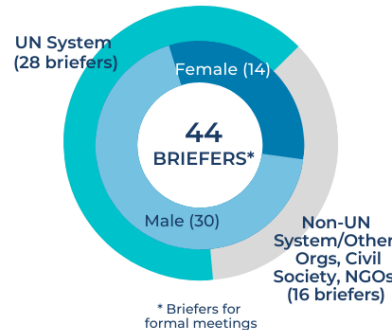
## July 2023 at a Glance



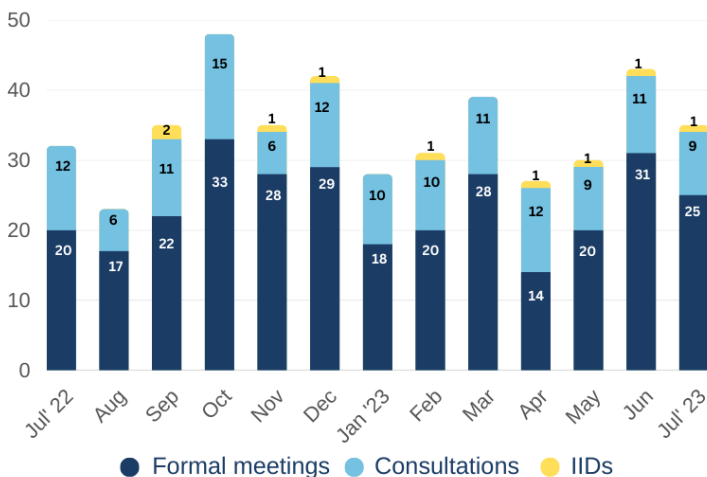
Most frequently discussed topics (open & closed)

**Middle East**  
Middle East, including the Palestinian question

**Ukraine**  
Haiti



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Under the **Presidency of the United Kingdom**, the Security Council held **three signature events**:

- An open debate on **Children and armed conflict** (5 July), focused on how to prevent and respond to grave violations against children in armed conflict (S/2023/470).
- A high-level open debate on **Women and peace and security** (14 July), focused on conflict-related sexual violence (S/2023/476). The Prime Minister's Special Representative for Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict and Minister of State at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office of the United Kingdom presided over the meeting.
- A high-level briefing on **Maintenance of international peace and security** (18 July), focused on artificial intelligence (S/2023/528). The Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs of the United Kingdom presided over the meeting and the Secretary-General provided a briefing.

## Key Topics

The **Middle East** (10, 11, 17, 20 and 24 July) and **Ukraine** (11, 17, 21, 26 and 31 July) were the most frequently considered country- or region-specific items in open and closed discussions. **Haiti** (6 and 14 July) and the **Middle East, including the Palestinian question** (7 and 27 July) were also considered more than once.

Other country or region-specific items considered by the Council included: **Central African Republic, Colombia, Cyprus, Niger, Non-proliferation/DPRK, Peace consolidation in West Africa and Sudan.**

Under other matters (AOB), Council members discussed **Bosnia and Herzegovina** and the **Children and Armed Conflict Working Group visit to Nigeria.**

In addition to the signature events, the Council also heard briefings on **Non-proliferation** and **UN peacekeeping operations**. On 28 July, Council members held an **informal interactive dialogue** on **conflict and hunger in Burkina Faso, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Haiti**.

## Procedural notes

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In July, the Council held **two procedural votes**. On 6 July, the proposal to invite the representative of Ukraine under rule 37 of the Provisional Rules of Procedure to participate in the meeting on “**Non-proliferation**” was put to a vote and adopted with 12 votes in favour, two against and one abstention (see [S/PV.9367](#)). On 26 July, the proposal to invite a civil society briefer under rule 39 to participate in the meeting on “**Threats to international peace and security**” was also put to a vote and failed to obtain the required number of votes with three votes in favour and 12 abstentions (see [S/PV.9385](#)).

On 11 July (see [S/PV.9371](#)), **two draft resolutions** submitted under the item entitled “**The situation in the Middle East**” concerning the renewal of the **Syria cross-border aid mechanism failed to be adopted**; one ([S/2023/506](#)) due to a **veto** cast by the Russian Federation, and the other ([S/2023/507](#)) having failed to obtain the required number of votes. On 14 July, pursuant to General Assembly resolution [76/262](#), the Council submitted a special report ([A/77/965](#)), which was discussed in the Assembly on 19 July (see [A/77/PV.90](#) and [A/77/PV.91](#)).

On 20 July, the Peacebuilding Commission submitted written advice to the Council on the **United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel** (UNOWAS) ([S/2023/541](#)).

## Decisions and press statements

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In July, the Council adopted **three resolutions** and issued **no presidential statements**.

On 10 July, the Council unanimously adopted resolution [2691 \(2023\)](#), extending the mandate of the **United Nations Mission to support the Hodeidah Agreement (UNMHA)** until 14 July 2024. On 14 July, the Council unanimously adopted resolution [2692 \(2023\)](#), renewing the mandate of the **United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti (BINUH)** until 15 July 2024. On 27 July, acting under Chapter VII of the Charter, the Council adopted with two abstentions resolution [2693 \(2023\)](#), renewing for one year the sanctions measures concerning the **Central African Republic (CAR)**, and deciding, inter alia, that the arms embargo measures and the related notification requirements would no longer apply to the supply, sale or transfer of arms and related material and the provision of assistance, advice and training to the CAR security forces. By the same resolution, the Council extended the mandate of the Panel of Experts until 31 August 2024.

The Council issued **five press statements** on the following topics: one on an **attack against MINUSCA** ([SC/15349](#)), one on **Cyprus** ([SC/15352](#)), one on the **peace process in Colombia** ([SC/15361](#)), one on the situation in **Niger** ([SC/15372](#)) and one on a **terrorist attack in Pakistan** ([SC/15375](#)).

## Other activities

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Council members convened **two Arria-formula meetings** on the following topics: “**Migrants, refugees and asylum seekers crossing borders on land and at sea: new wave of crisis**” (13 July), organized by the Russian Federation; and “**The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rome Statute: the contribution of the International Criminal Court to the maintenance of international peace and security**” (18 July), co-organized by Japan and Switzerland.

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