

UN Security Council in Review

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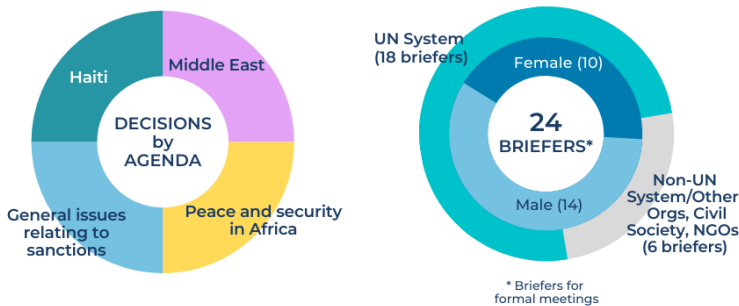
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July 2024 at a Glance

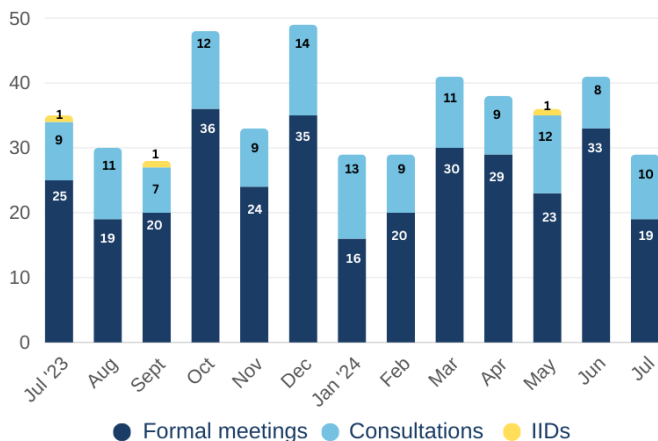


Most frequently discussed topics (open & closed)

- Middle East, including the Palestinian question
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- Ukraine
- Haiti



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Under the **Presidency of the Russian Federation**, the Security Council held **two signature events**:

- A high-level open debate on **Maintenance of international peace and security** (16 July), focused on multilateral cooperation in the interest of a more just, democratic and sustainable world order (S/2024/537). The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presided over the meeting.
- A debate on **Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security** (19 July), focused on the role of the Collective Security Treaty Organization, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (S/2024/538). The Secretaries-General of the three organizations briefed via VTC.

Key Topics

The **Middle East** was the most frequently considered country- or region-specific item in open and closed discussions (8, 22 (twice), 23 and 24 July), followed by **the Middle East, including the Palestinian question** (2, 17, 26 and 31 July). **Haiti** (3 and 12 July) and **Ukraine** (9 and 25 July) were also discussed more than once.

Other items considered by the Council included: **Democratic Republic of the Congo, Colombia, Cyprus, peace consolidation in West Africa, Central Asia, Sudan and peace and security in Africa**. Council members also discussed **Myanmar** (3 July), **Afghanistan** (11 July), and the commemoration of the **75th anniversary of the Geneva conventions** (12 July) under other matters (AOB).

In addition to the signature events, the Council held a meeting under the item “**General issues relating to sanctions**” to adopt a decision (see below).

Procedural notes

In a letter dated 15 July addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2024/551), the Russian Federation reiterated its **position concerning official visits of the Council**, which was based on the established practice and the note by the President of the Security Council (S/2017/507). The Russian Federation affirmed, inter alia, that any decision of the Council to undertake an official visit to a country required consensus among its members, including on the terms of reference, and that all proposals for such visits should be assessed on their immediate merits for the implementation of its mandate, namely the maintenance of international peace and security.

Decisions and press statements

In July 2024, the Council unanimously adopted **four resolutions** and issued **two press statements**.

On 8 July, the Council adopted resolution [2742 \(2024\)](#), renewing the mandate of the **United Nations Mission to support the Hodeidah Agreement (UNMHA)** for a period of 12 months.

On 12 July, the Council adopted resolution [2743 \(2024\)](#), extending the mandate of the **United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti (BINUH)** for a period of 12 months.

On 19 July, the Council adopted resolution [2744 \(2024\)](#), replacing the **delisting procedure** originally set out in resolution [1730 \(2006\)](#) and to be applied to petitions submitted henceforth to the Focal Point, and establishing the **Informal Working Group of the Security Council on General United Nations Security Council Sanctions Issues**.

On 30 July, under the agenda item entitled “Peace and security in Africa”, acting under Chapter VII of the Charter, the Council adopted resolution [2745 \(2024\)](#), **lifted the arms embargo on the Central African Republic**, also deciding that, until 31 July 2025, all Member States shall take the necessary measures to prevent the direct or indirect supply, sale or transfer of arms and related materiel of all types to armed groups and associated individuals operating in that country and renewing the other sanctions measures for one year. By the same resolution, the Council extended the mandate of the Panel of Experts until 31 August 2025 and renamed both the Panel and the Committee to be known, henceforth, as “pursuant to resolution [2745 \(2024\)](#)”.

The Council issued **two press statements** on **Sudan** ([SC/15765](#)) and **Colombia** ([SC/15768](#)).

Other activities

In July, Council members convened **one Arria-formula meeting**: “**Stepping up preventive action: from environmental challenges to opportunities for peace**” (8 July), organized by Slovenia, jointly with Guyana, Republic of Korea and Sierra Leone.

Additionally, the Presidency convened “**sofa talks**” (18 July) at the level of permanent representatives with the participation of both current and incoming Council members, continuing the practice initiated in 2019 for Council members to raise issues of concern related to international peace and security in an informal setting.

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