

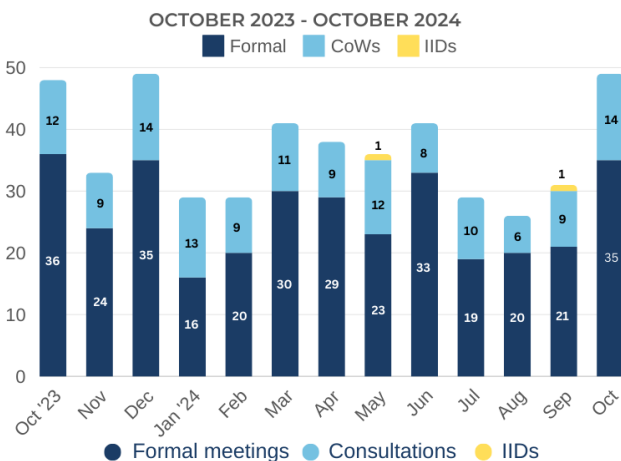
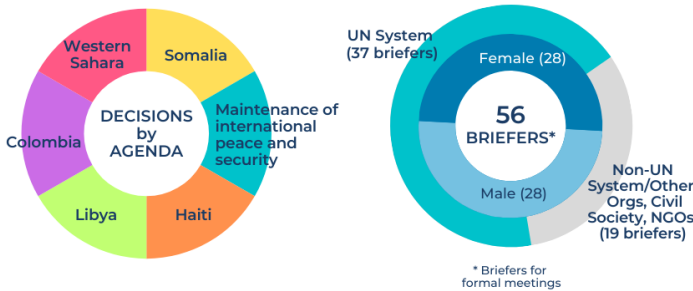
UN Security Council in Review

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October 2024 at a Glance



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

- A high-level briefing on **Maintenance of international peace and security** (21 October), focused on **anticipating the impact of scientific developments on international peace and security** (S/2024/708). The Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland presided over the meeting.
- A high-level open debate on **Women and peace and security** (24 and 25 October), focused on **women building peace in a changing environment** (S/2024/709). The President of the Federal Council of Switzerland presided over the meeting.

In addition to the signature events, the Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland presided over a high-level open debate under the item “**The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question**” (29 October, which resumed on 30 October). The Secretary-General provided briefings under the items “**The situation in the Middle East**” (2 October) and “**Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan**” (28 October), respectively.

Key Topics

The **Middle East** (2, 3, 10, 14 twice, 15, 23 and 28 October) was the most frequently discussed country- or region-specific item in open and closed discussions followed by **Somalia** (3 and 30 October), including a private meeting (10 October), the **Middle East, including the Palestinian Question** (9, 16 and 29 October) and **Ukraine** (21, 30 and 31 October). Other country or region-specific items considered by the Council included: **Central African Republic, Colombia, Great Lakes Region, Haiti, Kosovo, Libya, Peace and Security in Africa, Sudan and South Sudan and Western Sahara**. The Council also

discussed the **United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)** in closed consultations (22 October) under other matters (AOB).

Under thematic items, the Council held meetings on **Cooperation with regional and subregional organizations** (2 October), **Threats to international peace and security**, including a discussion on the Nord Stream (4 October) and a private briefing by the **President of the International Court of Justice** (22 October). The Council held private meetings with **troop-contributing countries** to MINURSO (11 October), MINUSCA (16 October) and UNISFA (31 October). The Council also discussed **press elements** for a statement of support for the Secretary-General (3 October) under other matters (AOB).

Procedural notes

The **UN Security Council** and the **African Union Peace and Security Council (AUPSC)** held their **9th Annual Joint Informal Seminar** (17 October) in New York. Both Councils discussed common issues of relevance for their respective agendas as well as the implementation of joint working methods of the two Councils. Following their **18th Annual Joint Consultative Meeting**, the UN Security Council and the AUPSC adopted a **joint communiqué** ([S/2024/762](#)) (18 October) in which they recalled the provisions of Chapter VIII of the UN Charter on the role of regional arrangements in dealing with matters relating to the maintenance of international peace and security.

Further to the request from the President of the Security Council, the Chair of the **Peacebuilding Commission** submitted written advice ahead of the briefing on Colombia ([S/2024/726](#)) on 15 October ([S/PV.9749](#)) and the open debate on Women and peace and security ([S/2024/757](#)) on 24 and 25 October ([S/PV.9760](#) and [S/PV.9760 \(Resumption 1\)](#)) under **Rule 39** of the Provisional Rules of Procedure of the Security Council.

Decisions and press statements

In October, the Council adopted **five resolutions**, **one presidential statement** and issued **seven press statements**.

On 18 October, the Council unanimously adopted resolution [2752 \(2024\)](#), which renewed the **sanctions regime on Haiti** for a period of 12 months, continuing the travel ban and asset freeze, while expanding the scope of an arms embargo and designation criteria. The resolution also extended the mandate of the Panel of Experts on Haiti for a period of 13 months.

On 30 October, the Council unanimously adopted resolution [2753 \(2024\)](#), deciding that the UN Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM) shall be called the **United Nations Transitional Assistance Mission in Somalia** and begin the formal transition of its functions (as part of a two-phased transition) to a United Nations country team. On the same day, the Council unanimously adopted resolution [2754 \(2024\)](#), which extended the mandate of the **United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia** for a period of 12 months.

On 31 October, the Council unanimously adopted resolution [2755 \(2024\)](#), which extended the mandate of the **United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL)** for a period of 3 months, with a further automatic extension for an additional 9 months (until 31 October 2025) if a new Special Representative and Head of UNSMIL is appointed by 31 January 2025. On the same day, the Council also adopted resolution [2756 \(2024\)](#), which extended the mandate of **United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO)** for a period of 12 months. Algeria proposed two amendments on the resolution ([S/2024/797](#) and [S/2024/798](#)), which failed to be adopted due to insufficient number of votes. The resolution was adopted with 12 votes in favour, two abstentions and one Council member did not participate in the vote ([S/PV.9771](#)).

On 21 October, following the high-level briefing on **anticipating the impact of scientific developments on international peace and security**, the Council issued a presidential statement ([S/PRST/2024/6](#)) recognizing that scientific developments can play a role in upholding the Council's responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, and enhancing mutual trust and cooperation.

The Council also issued **seven press statements**, including terrorist attacks in **Pakistan** ([SC/15846](#)), **Türkiye** ([SC/15863](#)) and **Iran** ([SC/15875](#)) respectively, and on **Libya** ([SC/15848](#)), **Colombia** ([SC/15858](#)), the **Democratic Republic of Congo** ([SC/15866](#)) and **UNRWA** ([SC/15874](#)).

Other activities

On 25 October, Council members convened one **Arria-formula meeting**: “**Systematic violations of IHL committed by the Armed Forces of Ukraine on the territory of the Russian Federation**” organized by the Russian Federation.

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