

33. Briefings

During the period under review, the Security Council received eight briefings that were not explicitly connected to any specific item before it.

Four meetings were held under the item entitled “Briefings by Chairs of subsidiary bodies of the Security Council”;⁹⁹ at those meetings the Chairs of various sanctions and counter-terrorism committees and working groups provided an overview of the work of their organs to the Council, including the cooperation among the committees in addressing the evolving threat posed by terrorism.

Two meetings were held under the item entitled “Briefing by the Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe”, at which the Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe briefed the Council on the security priorities of that organization, its activities in de-escalating emerging crises and resolving protracted conflicts, and its collaboration with the United Nations, in particular in combating terrorism.

Two briefings were given at closed meetings by the President of the International Court of Justice.

⁹⁹ Since June 2015, the Security Council has used the gender-neutral term “Chairs” in place of “Chairmen”.

Meetings: briefings by Chairs of subsidiary bodies of the Security Council

<i>Meeting record and date</i>	<i>Rule 37 invitations</i>	<i>Rule 39 and other invitations</i>	<i>Speakers</i>
S/PV.7184 28 May 2014	Belgium, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Pakistan, Syrian Arab Republic	Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations	Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism; ^a Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) ; Chair of the Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities; 12 Council members; ^b all invitees ^c
S/PV.7331 9 December 2014			Chair of the Committee pursuant to resolutions 751 (1992) and 1907 (2009) concerning Somalia and Eritrea and the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) ; Chair of the Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) , the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006) and the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1988 (2011) ; Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan and the Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions; Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) and the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict; Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1970 (2011) concerning Libya and the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations
S/PV.7463 16 June 2015			Chair of the Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) ; Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) ; Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) ; ^d 12 Council members ^e

**Part I. Consideration of questions under the responsibility of
the Security Council for the maintenance of
international peace and security**

<i>Meeting record and date</i>	<i>Rule 37 invitations</i>	<i>Rule 39 and other invitations</i>	<i>Speakers</i>
S/PV.7586 17 December 2015			Chair of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations; Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1521 (2003) concerning Liberia and the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo; Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) , the Committee established pursuant to resolution 2127 (2013) concerning the Central African Republic and the Committee established pursuant to resolution 2140 (2014) ; Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire, the Committee established pursuant to resolution 2206 (2015) concerning South Sudan and the Informal Working Group on International Tribunals; Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 2048 (2012) concerning Guinea-Bissau

^a Before the briefings, the Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution [1373 \(2001\)](#) made a statement on behalf of the Committee pursuant to resolutions [1267 \(1999\)](#) and [1989 \(2011\)](#), the Committee established pursuant to resolution [1373 \(2001\)](#) and the Committee established pursuant to resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) on the continuing cooperation among the three committees and their respective expert groups.

^b Argentina, Chad, Chile, China, France, Jordan, Luxembourg, Nigeria, Rwanda, Russian Federation, United Kingdom and United States.

^c The representative of Belgium spoke on behalf of the like-minded States on targeted sanctions: Austria, Belgium, Costa Rica, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Liechtenstein, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland.

^d Before the briefings, the Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) made a statement on behalf of the Committee pursuant to resolutions [1267 \(1999\)](#) and [1989 \(2011\)](#), the Committee established pursuant to resolution [1373 \(2001\)](#) and the Committee established pursuant to resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#).

^e Angola, Chad, Chile, China, France, Jordan, Malaysia, Nigeria, Russian Federation, United Kingdom, United States and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

Meetings: briefings by the Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

<i>Meeting record and date</i>	<i>Rule 39 and other invitations</i>	<i>Speakers</i>
S/PV.7117 24 February 2014	Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and President of the Swiss Confederation	All Council members, Chairperson-in-Office of OSCE
S/PV.7391 24 February 2015	Chairperson-in-Office of OSCE and First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Serbia	All Council members, Chairperson-in-Office of OSCE

Meetings: briefings by the President of the International Court of Justice

<i>Meeting record and date</i>	<i>Rule 39 and other invitations</i>	<i>Speakers</i>
S/PV.7290 29 October 2014 (closed)	President of the International Court of Justice	All Council members, President of the International Court of Justice
S/PV.7548 4 November 2015 (closed)	President of the International Court of Justice	All Council members, President of the International Court of Justice

34. Security Council mission

During the period under review, the members of the Security Council undertook four missions, during which they visited several African countries (Burundi, Central African Republic, Ethiopia (African Union at Addis Ababa), Mali, Somalia and South Sudan), as well as Belgium, the Netherlands (The Hague) and Haiti. The missions included representatives of all members of the Council. The Council held four

meetings under the item entitled “Security Council mission”, at which it was briefed by the heads of the missions on their findings in those countries.¹⁰⁰

¹⁰⁰ For more information on the composition and reports of the missions, see part VI, sect. II.A (table 2).

Meetings: Security Council mission

<i>Meeting record and date</i>	<i>Sub-item</i>	<i>Documents</i>	<i>Invitations</i>	<i>Speakers</i>
S/PV.7120 26 February 2014	Briefing of the Security Council mission to Mali (31 January to 3 February 2014)	Letter dated 30 January 2014 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2014/72) Report of the Security Council mission to Mali, 1-3 February 2014 (S/2014/173)		Two Council members (Chad, France)
S/PV.7245 19 August 2014	Briefing by Security Council mission to Europe and Africa (8 to 14 August 2014)	Letter dated 8 August 2014 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2014/579)		Four Council members (Australia, Chile, United Kingdom, United States)
S/PV.7372 29 January 2015	Briefing by Security Council mission to Haiti (23 to 25 January 2015)	Letter dated 19 January 2015 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2015/40)		Two Council members (Chile, United States)
S/PV.7407 18 March 2015	Briefing by Security Council mission to Africa (9 to 13 March 2015)	Letter dated 5 March 2015 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2015/162) Report of the Security Council mission to the Central African Republic, Ethiopia and Burundi, including the African Union (S/2015/503)		Two Council members (Angola, France)

35. The promotion and strengthening of the rule of law in the maintenance of international peace and security

During the period under review, the Security Council held two meetings in connection with the item entitled “The promotion and strengthening of the rule of law in the maintenance of international peace and security”, and issued one presidential statement.

The Council in its statement reaffirmed its commitment to international law and the Charter of the United Nations and to an international order based on the rule of law and international law, and underscored that sustainable peace required an integrated approach based on coherence between political, security,

development, human rights, including gender equality, and the rule of law and justice activities.¹⁰¹ The Council also noted the recommendation of the Secretary-General on measuring the effectiveness of the support provided by the United Nations system for the promotion of the rule of law in conflict and post-conflict situations.¹⁰²

¹⁰¹ [S/PRST/2014/5](#).

¹⁰² See [S/2013/341](#).