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S/PV.7234 5 August 2014			Ukraine	Director of the Coordination and Response Division of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs	All Council members, all invitees	
S/PV.7269 19 September 2014			Canada, Germany, Indonesia, Malaysia, Netherlands, Ukraine	Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs	All Council members, ^a all invitees	
S/PV.7384 17 February 2015		Draft resolution submitted by Russian Federation (S/2015/117)	Germany, Ukraine		14 Council members, ^b Germany, Ukraine	Resolution 2202 (2015) 15-0-0

^a Australia, Malaysia and the Netherlands were represented by their Ministers for Foreign Affairs; and Luxembourg by its Minister for Foreign and European Affairs.

^b Chad, Chile, China, France, Jordan, Lithuania, Malaysia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Russian Federation, Spain, United Kingdom, United States and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

Middle East

22. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

During the period under review, the Security Council held 31 meetings in connection with the item entitled “The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question”. The Council issued one presidential statement in which it expressed strong support for the call by international partners and the Secretary-General for an immediate and unconditional humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza, allowing for the delivery of urgently needed assistance.⁷¹ The Council failed to adopt a draft resolution submitted by Jordan on behalf of the Group of Arab States, by which it would have set parameters and a timeframe for a negotiated solution and the creation of two States living side by side in peace and security.⁷²

During 2014, the Council discussions focused on the resumption and subsequent suspension of direct negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians towards a two-State solution, and the deteriorating humanitarian situation and intensification of the violence in and around Gaza. During 2015, discussions focused on the reconstruction in Gaza, and on the increase in tensions with respect to holy sites in Jerusalem. Meetings during the two-year period also focused on the escalation of activities that undermined a two-State solution in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza. Developments in Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and Yemen and the overall political situation in the Middle East were also discussed during the period.⁷³

⁷¹ [S/PRST/2014/13](#), third paragraph.

⁷² [S/2014/916](#).

⁷³ See part I, sect. 23, “The situation in the Middle East”.

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S/PV.7096 and S/PV.7096 (Resumption 1) 20 January 2014			26 Member States ^a	Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations	Secretary-General, all Council members, ^b all invitees ^c	
S/PV.7118 25 February 2014				Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs	Under-Secretary-General	
S/PV.7140 18 March 2014				Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs	Under-Secretary-General	
S/PV.7164 29 April 2014			29 Member States ^d	Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General, Head of the Delegation of the European Union, Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations	All Council members, all invitees ^e	
S/PV.7178 20 May 2014				Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs	Assistant Secretary-General	
S/PV.7204 23 June 2014				Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs	Under-Secretary-General	
S/PV.7214 10 July 2014			Israel	Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine	Secretary-General, all invitees	

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S/PV.7220 18 July 2014			Israel	Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs	All Council members, all invitees	
S/PV.7222 22 July 2014			40 Member States ^f	Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine, Head of the Delegation of the European Union, Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People	Secretary-General, all Council members, ^g all invitees ^h	
S/PV.7225 28 July 2014			Israel	Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine		S/PRST/2014/13
S/PV.7232 31 July 2014			Israel	Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine, Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East	Under-Secretary General, Commissioner-General	
S/PV.7243 18 August 2014				Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General	Special Coordinator	
S/PV.7266 16 September 2014				Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General	Special Coordinator	
S/PV.7281 21 October 2014			35 Member States ⁱ	Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine, Head of the Delegation of the European Union, Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the	Secretary-General, all Council members, 34 invitees under rule 37, ^j all invitees under rule 39	

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				Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, Permanent Observer of the Holy See		
S/PV.7291 29 October 2014			Israel	Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs	All Council members, all invitees	
S/PV.7312 17 November 2014				Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs ad interim	Assistant Secretary-General	
S/PV.7339 15 December 2014				Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General	Special Coordinator	
S/PV.7354 30 December 2014		Draft resolution submitted by Jordan (S/2014/916)	Israel	Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine	All Council members, ^g all invitees	Draft resolution (S/2014/916) not adopted 8-2-5 ^k
S/PV.7360 15 January 2015			27 Member States ^l	Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs ad interim, Head of the Delegation of the European Union, Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People	All Council members, ^m all invitees ⁿ	
S/PV.7386 18 February 2015				Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs	Under-Secretary-General	
S/PV.7417 26 March 2015				Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General	Special Coordinator	
S/PV.7430 21 April 2015			29 Member States ^o	Deputy Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine, Head of the Delegation of the European Union, Chair of the	Secretary-General, all Council members, ^p all invitees ^q	

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				Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, Permanent Observer of the Holy See		
S/PV.7446 19 May 2015				Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General	Special Coordinator	
S/PV.7470 24 June 2015				Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs	Under-Secretary-General	
S/PV.7490 23 July 2015			26 Member States ^r	Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General, Minister Counsellor in the Delegation of the European Union, Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, Permanent Observer of the Holy See	All Council members, ^s all invitees ^t	
S/PV.7506 19 August 2015				Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs	Under-Secretary-General	
S/PV.7521 15 September 2015				Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General	Special Coordinator	
S/PV.7536 16 October 2015			Israel	Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs	All Council members, all invitees	
S/PV.7540 and S/PV.7540 (Resumption 1)			33 Member States ^u	Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Palestine, Secretary-General of the League	Deputy Secretary-General, all Council	

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22 October 2015				of Arab States, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union, Vice-Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, Permanent Observer of the Holy See	members, ^v all invitees ^w	
S/PV.7562 19 November 2015				Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General	Special Coordinator	
S/PV.7584 16 December 2015				Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs	Assistant Secretary-General	

^a Brazil, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Morocco, Namibia, Norway, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine.

^b Jordan was represented by its Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign and Expatriate Affairs; Luxembourg by its Minister for Foreign and European Affairs; and the Republic of Korea by its Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs.

^c The representative of Djibouti spoke on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC); and the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran spoke on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

^d Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Cuba, Egypt, Guatemala, Guinea, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic and Turkey.

^e The representative of Guinea spoke on behalf of OIC; the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran spoke on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement; and the representative of Oman spoke on behalf of the Group of Arab States.

^f Algeria, Bangladesh, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Guatemala, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

^g Luxembourg was represented by its Minister for Foreign and European Affairs.

^h The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran spoke on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement; and the representative of Saudi Arabia spoke on behalf of OIC.

ⁱ Algeria, Bahrain, Belize, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Cuba, Egypt, Guatemala, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Morocco, Namibia, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine and Zimbabwe.

^j The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran spoke on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement; the representative of Saudi Arabia spoke on behalf of OIC; and the representative of Zimbabwe spoke on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC). The representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia did not make a statement.

^k *For:* Argentina, Chad, Chile, China, France, Jordan, Luxembourg, Russian Federation; *against:* Australia, United States; *abstaining:* Nigeria, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, United Kingdom.

^l Botswana, Brazil, Cuba, Egypt, Guatemala, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey and Zimbabwe.

^m Chile was represented by its Minister for Foreign Affairs.

- ⁿ Iceland was represented by its Minister for Foreign Affairs. The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran spoke on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement; the representative of Saudi Arabia spoke on behalf of OIC; and the representative of Zimbabwe spoke on behalf of SADC.
- ^o Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Maldives, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Norway, Pakistan, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Ukraine and Zimbabwe.
- ^p Jordan was represented by its Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign and Expatriate Affairs.
- ^q The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran spoke on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement; and the representative of Saudi Arabia spoke on behalf of OIC.
- ^r Bangladesh, Brazil, Cuba, Egypt, Guatemala, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Maldives, Morocco, Namibia, Norway, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates and Zimbabwe.
- ^s New Zealand was represented by its Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- ^t The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran spoke on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement; and the representative of Kuwait spoke on behalf of OIC.
- ^u Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Egypt, Guatemala, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Maldives, Morocco, Norway, Pakistan, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine and Zimbabwe.
- ^v Jordan was represented by its Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign and Expatriate Affairs; Malaysia by its Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs; New Zealand by its Minister for Foreign Affairs; Spain by its Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation; the United States by its Permanent Representative and member of the President's Cabinet; and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) by its Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- ^w Norway, Qatar and Sweden were represented by their Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Maldives by its Foreign Secretary. The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran spoke on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement; and the representative of Kuwait spoke on behalf of OIC.

23. The situation in the Middle East

During the period under review, the Security Council held 57 meetings, including six closed meetings, in connection with the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East". The Council adopted 17 resolutions and issued 7 presidential statements. The Council failed to adopt a draft resolution by which it would have referred the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic to the International Criminal Court.⁷⁴ During the meetings, the Council considered the humanitarian and political situation in the Syrian Arab Republic; the humanitarian situation and political transition process in Yemen; the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF); the situation in Lebanon and the mandate of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL); and the victims of attacks and abuses on ethnic or religious grounds in the Middle East.

The Council renewed the mandate of UNDOF four times, for periods of six months each time,⁷⁵ and renewed the mandate of UNIFIL twice, for a period of one year each time.⁷⁶ In February 2014, by resolution

2140 (2014), the Council established a Committee to monitor the sanctions measures imposed on individuals or entities engaging in or providing support for acts that threatened the peace, security or stability of Yemen, and requested the Secretary-General to create a Panel of Experts on Yemen.⁷⁷ By resolution 2204 (2015), the Council extended by 13 months the mandate of the Panel of Experts, and renewed for 12 months the travel ban and asset freeze imposed by resolution 2140 (2014). By resolution 2216 (2015) the Council expanded the sanctions regime by imposing a targeted arms embargo on designated individuals.⁷⁸ In August 2015, the Council also established, for a period of one year, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons-United Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism to identify individuals, entities, groups or Governments that were perpetrators, organizers, sponsors or otherwise involved in the use of chemicals as weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic.⁷⁹

⁷⁴ S/2014/348.

⁷⁵ Resolutions 2163 (2014), 2192 (2014), 2229 (2015) and 2257 (2015). For more information on the mandate of UNDOF, see part X, sect. I, "Peacekeeping operations".

⁷⁶ Resolutions 2172 (2014) and 2236 (2015). For more information on the mandate of UNIFIL, see part X, sect. I, "Peacekeeping operations".

⁷⁷ For more information on the Committee established pursuant to resolution 2140 (2014) and the mandate of the Panel of Experts, see part IX, sect. I.B.

⁷⁸ For more information on the sanctions measures, see part VII, sect. III, "Measures not involving the use of armed force in accordance with Article 41 of the Charter".

⁷⁹ For more information on the mandate of the Joint Investigative Mechanism, see part IX, sect. III, "Investigative bodies".