

Meetings: letter dated 28 February 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/136)

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S/PV.7683 28 April 2016				Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs, Chief Monitor of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine and in the Trilateral Contact Group	All Council members, ^a all invitees ^b	
S/PV.7876 2 February 2017				Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, Chief Monitor of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	All Council members, all invitees ^c	

^a Ukraine was represented by its Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

^b The Chief Monitor of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine and the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine and in the Trilateral Contact Group participated in the meeting via videoconference from Kyiv.

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24. The situation in the Middle East

During the period under review, the Security Council held 78 open meetings, including one high-level meeting,²⁵⁶ in connection with the item entitled “The situation in the Middle East”. Under the item, the Council adopted 15 resolutions and issued four presidential statements. Nine draft resolutions on a broad range of Security Council actions, proposed in relation to the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic, were not adopted owing to the negative vote of one or more permanent members of the Council. In addition, the Council held six meetings, three in 2016 and three in 2017, with countries contributing troops and police to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) and the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), pursuant to resolution [1353 \(2001\)](#).²⁵⁷ More information on meetings, including on participants, speakers and outcomes, is given in the

tables below, which cover the Syrian Arab Republic, Yemen, UNDOF and UNIFIL.

In 2016–2017, in connection with the item the Council considered the conflict in the Syrian Arab Republic, the conflict in Yemen, the mandate of UNDOF and the mandate of UNIFIL. The Council renewed the mandate of UNDOF four times for periods of six months each, the last until 30 June 2018.²⁵⁸ The Council also renewed the mandate of UNIFIL twice for periods of one year each, the last until 31 August 2018.²⁵⁹

Discussions in the Council relating to the conflict in the Syrian Arab Republic focused on three defined aspects: the political process to end the conflict; the proliferation and use of chemical weapons; and the humanitarian situation in the country. In parallel to the Council’s involvement, the General Assembly considered aspects of the conflict in the Syrian Arab Republic under a number of items on its agenda. In

²⁵⁶ See [S/PV.7774](#). For more information on the format of meetings, see part II, sect. I.

²⁵⁷ Held under the item entitled “Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-and police-contributing countries pursuant to resolution [1353 \(2001\)](#), annex II, sections A and B”. For UNDOF, see [S/PV.7720](#) (21 June 2016); [S/PV.7835](#) (13 December 2016); [S/PV.7972](#) (15 June 2017); and [S/PV.8131](#) (12 December 2017); and for UNIFIL, see [S/PV.7756](#) (22 August 2016); and [S/PV.8023](#) (10 August 2017).

²⁵⁸ Resolutions [2294 \(2016\)](#), [2330 \(2016\)](#), [2361 \(2017\)](#) and [2394 \(2017\)](#), para. 11. For more information on the mandate of UNDOF, see part X, sect. I, “Peacekeeping operations”.

²⁵⁹ Resolutions [2305 \(2016\)](#) and [2373 \(2017\)](#), para. 1. For more information on the mandate of UNIFIL, see part X, sect. I, “Peacekeeping operations”.

particular, in December 2016, in connection with the item entitled “Prevention of armed conflict”, the General Assembly adopted resolution 71/248, by which it decided to establish the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to Assist in the Investigation and Prosecution of Persons Responsible for the Most Serious Crimes under International Law Committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011.²⁶⁰

During the period, the Council heard regular briefings on the political process by the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria. In his briefings, he addressed the progression of the political process and the negotiations in Geneva and, in particular, the efforts of the international community and the United Nations to reduce the levels of violence in the country. On 30 December 2016, a ceasefire was agreed by the warring parties in the country, guaranteed by Turkey and the Russian Federation.²⁶¹ The Council took note of the documents issued by the guarantors in resolution 2336 (2016) of 31 December 2016.²⁶² In 2017, the Special Envoy also reported on the progress of de-escalation in the country. In 2017, the Council heard briefings on the negotiations in Geneva and also on meetings held in places other than Geneva, such as Astana, Amman, Riyadh and Moscow, at which the participants addressed a variety of aspects of the Syrian conflict.

In regard to the use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic, the Council heard four briefings by the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs concerning the implementation of resolution 2118 (2013). The briefings also included information on the progress of the investigations by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) fact-finding mission and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons-United Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism concerning the alleged attacks with chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic. At meetings held in November 2017, Council members expressed conflicting views with regard to the quality and conduct of the investigation by the Joint Investigative Mechanism.²⁶³ Further to the issuance of the Mechanism’s seventh report,²⁶⁴ Member States proposed, but the Council failed to adopt, three different resolutions regarding the renewal of its

mandate.²⁶⁵ As a result, the mandate of the Mechanism expired on 17 November 2017.²⁶⁶ With regard to the humanitarian situation in the country, the Council heard monthly briefings by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator covering such issues as the humanitarian impact of sieges on the civilian population, the effects of displacement of millions of civilians, the difficulties encountered in terms of delivery of humanitarian aid and access by humanitarian convoys to besieged as well as other hard-to-reach areas, and the need to protect medical facilities and medical personnel throughout the country. In that regard, by resolution 2332 (2016) of 21 December 2016, the Council renewed for an additional 12 months, until 10 January 2018, its decision to authorize United Nations humanitarian agencies and their implementing partners to use routes across conflict lines, including all border crossings, in order to ensure that humanitarian assistance would reach the people in need throughout the country.²⁶⁷ By the same resolution, the Council also renewed the authorization of the monitoring mechanism, established under the authority of the Secretary-General pursuant to resolution 2165 (2014) to monitor humanitarian aid. On 19 December 2017, by resolution 2393 (2017), the Council renewed its decisions for a further period of 12 months, until 10 January 2019.²⁶⁸

Regarding the conflict in Yemen, in 2016–2017 the Council heard briefings by the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen, in which he focused on the peace and political processes and the impact of the armed conflict in the country. The Council also heard briefings by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, whose main focus was the dire humanitarian situation resulting from the armed conflict. During the period under review, the Council also renewed the sanctions measures imposed pursuant to resolutions 2140 (2014) and 2216 (2015), namely an asset freeze, a travel ban and an arms embargo. By resolutions 2266 (2016) and 2342 (2017), the Council twice extended the mandate of the Panel of Experts, for periods of 13 months each, until 27 March 2017 and 28 March 2018, respectively.²⁶⁹

²⁶⁰ For more information on relations with the General Assembly, see part IV, sect. I.

²⁶¹ See letter dated 29 December 2016 from the representatives of the Russian Federation and Turkey to the President of the Security Council (S/2016/1133, annexes I–V).

²⁶² Resolution 2336 (2016), para.1.

²⁶³ See S/PV.8090, S/PV.8105 and S/PV.8107.

²⁶⁴ S/2017/904, annex.

²⁶⁵ S/2017/962, S/2017/968 and S/2017/970.

²⁶⁶ For more information on the mandate of the Joint Investigative Mechanism, see part IX, sect. III, “Investigative bodies”.

²⁶⁷ Resolution 2332 (2016), para. 2.

²⁶⁸ Resolution 2393 (2017), para. 2.

²⁶⁹ Resolutions 2266 (2016) and 2342 (2017), para. 5. For more information on the sanctions measures concerning Yemen, see part VII, sect. III, “Measures not involving the use of armed force in accordance with Article 41 of

During the period under review, the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) was renewed four times for periods of six months each, the last until 30 June 2018.²⁷⁰ In the context of the renewal of the mandate of the Force, members of the Council addressed the deteriorating security situation in the area of separation owing to the continued effect of the Syrian conflict.

In connection with the political situation in Lebanon, the Council issued two presidential statements in which it addressed the two-year-long vacancy in the presidency of the country. In July 2016 the Council expressed its deepest concern at the situation and called upon all parties to engage in negotiating a compromise agreement with the aim of ending the political and institutional crisis in Lebanon.²⁷¹ Following the election of the President of

Lebanon on 31 October, the Council, on 1 November 2016, welcomed his election and urged the new President and Lebanese leaders to promote stability by swiftly forming a government.²⁷² Following the resignation of the Prime Minister of Lebanon in November 2017 and his return to the country later that month, the Council issued a statement to the press, on 19 December 2017, in which it welcomed his decision to return to Lebanon and continue his term. In the statement, the Council also recalled the need to protect Lebanon from the crises that were destabilizing the Middle East. During the period under review, the Council renewed the mandate of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) twice for periods of one year each, the last until 31 August 2018.²⁷³ At the meeting held on 30 August 2017, while expressing strong support for the mission, the representative of the United States stated that Hizbullah was rearming itself and posed a threat to the region.²⁷⁴

the Charter"; and for more information on the Committee established pursuant to resolution 2140 (2014) and Panel of Experts, see part IX, sect. I, "Committees".

²⁷⁰ Resolutions 2294 (2016), 2330 (2016), 2361 (2017) and 2394 (2017), para. 11.

²⁷¹ S/PRST/2016/10, third and fifth paragraphs.

²⁷² S/PRST/2016/15, second paragraph.

²⁷³ Resolutions 2305 (2016) and 2373 (2017), para. 1.

²⁷⁴ S/PV.8037, p. 3 (United States).

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S/PV.7605 15 January 2016			Syrian Arab Republic	Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator	All Council members, all invitees	
S/PV.7612 27 January 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014) and 2258 (2015) (S/2016/60)			Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme	All invitees	
S/PV.7631 24 February 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014),		Syrian Arab Republic	Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	All invitees	

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	2191 (2014) and 2258 (2015) (S/2016/156)					
S/PV.7634 26 February 2016		Draft resolution submitted by Russian Federation, United States (S/2016/185)	Syrian Arab Republic	Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	All Council members, ^a all invitees ^b	Resolution 2268 (2016) 15-0-0
S/PV.7660 30 March 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014) and 2258 (2015) (S/2016/272)			Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	Under-Secretary-General	
S/PV.7682 28 April 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014) and 2258 (2015) (S/2016/384)			Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	Under-Secretary-General ^c	
S/PV.7687 4 May 2016			Syrian Arab Republic	Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	All Council members, all invitees	
S/PV.7701 27 May 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014) and 2258 (2015) (S/2016/460)		Syrian Arab Republic	Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	Two Council members (United States, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)), all invitees ^d	

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S/PV.7725 23 June 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014) and 2258 (2015) (S/2016/546)			Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	Under-Secretary-General	
S/PV.7744 25 July 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014) and 2258 (2015) (S/2016/631)		Syrian Arab Republic	Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	All Council members, all invitees	
S/PV.7757 22 August 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014) and 2258 (2015) (S/2016/714)		Syrian Arab Republic	Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	14 Council members, ^e all invitees	
S/PV.7774 21 September 2016			Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey	Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	Secretary-General, all Council members, ^f all invitees	
S/PV.7777 25 September 2016			Syrian Arab Republic	Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	All Council members, all invitees	
S/PV.7780 29 September 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014),			Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	One Council member (Uruguay), Under-Secretary-General ^d	

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	2191 (2014) and 2258 (2015) (S/2016/796)					
S/PV.7785 8 October 2016		Draft resolution submitted by 46 Member States ^g (S/2016/846)	41 Member States ^h		All Council members, ⁱ Syrian Arab Republic	Draft resolution not adopted S/2016/846 11-2-2 ^j Draft resolution S/2016/847 not adopted 4-9-2 ^k
S/PV.7795 26 October 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014) and 2258 (2015) (S/2016/873)		Syrian Arab Republic	Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	13 Council members, ^l all invitees	
S/PV.7798 31 October 2016	Letter dated 21 October 2016 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2016/888)	Draft resolution submitted by United States (S/2016/905)			Seven Council members ^m	Resolution 2314 (2016) 15-0-0
S/PV.7815 17 November 2016		Draft resolution submitted by United States (S/2016/974)			Nine Council members ⁿ	Resolution 2319 (2016) 15-0-0
S/PV.7817 21 November 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014) and 2258 (2015) (S/2016/962)		Syrian Arab Republic	Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, World Health Organization Representative in Syria	All Council members, all invitees ^o	

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S/PV.7822 30 November 2016			Syrian Arab Republic	Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria, Under-Secretary- General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa	All Council members, all invitees ^p	
S/PV.7825 5 December 2016		Draft resolution submitted by Egypt, New Zealand, Spain (S/2016/1026)	Syrian Arab Republic		All Council members, Syrian Arab Republic	Draft resolution S/2016/1026 not adopted 11-3-1 ^q
S/PV.7834 13 December 2016			Syrian Arab Republic		Secretary-General, all Council members, Syrian Arab Republic	
S/PV.7841 19 December 2016		Draft resolution submitted by France (S/2016/1071)				Resolution 2328 (2016) 15-0-0
S/PV.7849 21 December 2016	Report of the Secretary- General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014) , 2165 (2014) , 2191 (2014) and 2258 (2015) (S/2016/1057)	Draft resolution submitted by Egypt, New Zealand, Spain (S/2016/1077)				Resolution 2332 (2016) 15-0-0
S/PV.7852 23 December 2016	Report of the Secretary- General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014) , 2165 (2014) , 2191 (2014) and 2258 (2015) (S/2016/1057)			Director of the Coordination and Response Division of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs	Two Council members (New Zealand, Russian Federation), Director of the Coordination and Response Division	

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S/PV.7855 31 December 2016	Letter dated 29 December 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation and the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2016/1133)	Draft resolution submitted by Russian Federation, Turkey (S/2016/1138)			All Council members	Resolution 2336 (2016) 15-0-0
S/PV.7870 26 January 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014), 2258 (2015) and 2332 (2016) (S/2017/58)			Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Deputy Executive Director of the World Food Programme, Executive Director, World Health Organization Health Emergencies Programme	Two Council members (Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Uruguay), all invitees ^r	
S/PV.7888 22 February 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014), 2258 (2015) and 2332 (2016) (S/2017/144)			Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	One Council member (Uruguay), Under-Secretary-General	
S/PV.7893 28 February 2017	Letter dated 24 February 2017 from the Permanent Representatives of France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of	Draft resolution submitted by 42 Member States ^f (S/2017/172)	36 Member States ^f		All Council members, Syrian Arab Republic	Draft resolution S/2017/172 not adopted 9-3-3 ^u

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	America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2017/170)					
S/PV.7909 30 March 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014), 2258 (2015) and 2332 (2016) (S/2017/244)			Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	Three Council members (Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Sweden, Uruguay), Under-Secretary-General	
S/PV.7915 5 April 2017	Letter dated 27 March 2017 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2017/260)		Syrian Arab Republic	Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs	All Council members, all invitees	
S/PV.7919 7 April 2017			Syrian Arab Republic	Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs	All Council members, all invitees	
S/PV.7921 12 April 2017			Syrian Arab Republic	Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	All Council members, all invitees	
S/PV.7922 12 April 2017		Draft resolution submitted by France, United Kingdom, United States S/2017/315	Syrian Arab Republic		All Council members, Syrian Arab Republic	Draft resolution S/2017/315 not adopted 10-2-3 ^v
S/PV.7931 27 April 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014),			Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	All Council members, Under-Secretary-General ^d	

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	2258 (2015) and 2332 (2016) (S/2017/339)					
S/PV.7944 22 May 2017				Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	Four Council members (Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Uruguay), Special Envoy ^b	
S/PV.7946 23 May 2017	Letter dated 28 April 2017 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2017/373)			Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs	Two Council members (Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Uruguay), Under-Secretary-General	
	Letter dated 4 May 2017 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2017/400)					
	Letter dated 18 May 2017 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2017/440)					
S/PV.7955 30 May 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014), 2258 (2015) and 2332 (2016) (S/2017/445)		Syrian Arab Republic	Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	All Council members, all invitees	

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S/PV.7973 15 June 2017	Letter dated 30 May 2017 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2017/469)			Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs	One Council member (Uruguay), Under-Secretary-General	
S/PV.7983 27 June 2017				Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	Two Council members (Kazakhstan, Uruguay), Special Envoy ^b	
S/PV.7987 29 June 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014) , 2165 (2014) , 2191 (2014) , 2258 (2015) and 2332 (2016) (S/2017/541)			Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	One Council member (Uruguay), Under-Secretary-General	
S/PV.8015 27 July 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014) , 2165 (2014) , 2191 (2014) , 2258 (2015) and 2332 (2016) (S/2017/623)		Syrian Arab Republic	Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator	Three Council members (Bolivia (Plurinational State of), United States, Uruguay), all invitees ^w	
S/PV.8036 30 August 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014) , 2165 (2014) , 2191 (2014) , 2258 (2015) and 2332 (2016) (S/2017/733)			Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	One Council member (Uruguay), all invitees ^b	

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S/PV.8058 27 September 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014), 2258 (2015) and 2332 (2016) (S/2017/794)		Syrian Arab Republic	Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	Four Council members (Kazakhstan, Russian Federation, United States, Uruguay), all invitees	
S/PV.8073 24 October 2017		Draft resolution submitted by 41 Member States ^x (S/2017/884)	35 Member States ^y		All Council members	Procedural vote (rule 33.3) ^z Draft resolution S/2017/884 not adopted 11-2-2 ^{aa}
S/PV.8076 26 October 2017				Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	One Council member (Uruguay), Special Envoy ^b	
S/PV.8081 30 October 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014), 2258 (2015) and 2332 (2016) (S/2017/902)			Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	Two Council members (Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Uruguay), Under-Secretary-General ^{bb}	
S/PV.8090 7 November 2017	Letter dated 26 October 2017 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2017/904) Letter dated 25 October 2017 from the Secretary-General		Syrian Arab Republic	Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, Head of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons-United Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism	All Council members, all invitees	

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	addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2017/905)					
	Letter dated 30 October 2017 from the Secretary- General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2017/916)					
S/PV.8105 16 November 2017		Draft resolution submitted by China, Russian Federation (S/2017/933)	Syrian Arab Republic		All Council members, Syrian Arab Republic	Procedural vote (rule 32) ^{dd} Draft resolution S/2017/962 not adopted 11-2-2 ^{ee} Draft resolution S/2017/968 not adopted 4-7-4 ^{ff}
		Draft resolution submitted by seven Member States ^{cc} (S/2017/962)				
		Draft resolution submitted by Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (S/2017/968)				
S/PV.8107 17 November 2017		Draft resolution submitted by Japan (S/2017/970)			11 Council members ^{gg}	Draft resolution S/2017/970 not adopted 12-2-1 ^{hh}
S/PV.8113 27 November 2017				Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	Two Council members (Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Uruguay), Special Envoy ^b	
S/PV.8117 29 November 2017	Report of the Secretary- General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014), 2258 (2015) and		Syrian Arab Republic	Under-Secretary- General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	Six Council members, ⁱⁱ all invitees	

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	2332 (2016) (S/2017/982)					
S/PV.8141 19 December 2017		Draft resolution submitted by Egypt, Japan, Sweden (S/2017/1063)			12 Council members ^j	Resolution 2393 (2017) 12-0-3 ^{kk}
S/PV.8142 19 December 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014), 2258 (2015) and 2332 (2016) (S/2017/1057)		Syrian Arab Republic	Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria, Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	Two Council members (Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Uruguay), all invitees	

^a The Russian Federation was represented by its Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs.

^b The Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria participated in the meeting via videoconference from Geneva.

^c The Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator participated in the meeting via videoconference from Vienna.

^d The Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator participated in the meeting via videoconference from Geneva.

^e Angola, China, France, Japan, Malaysia (President of the Security Council), New Zealand, Russian Federation, Senegal, Spain, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

^f Egypt, Senegal and Ukraine were represented by their Presidents; Japan and New Zealand (President of the Security Council) were represented by their Prime Ministers; Malaysia was represented by its Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs; Angola was represented by its Secretary of State for External Relations; China, Russian Federation and Uruguay were represented by their Ministers for Foreign Affairs; France was represented by its Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Development; Spain was represented by its Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation; the United Kingdom was represented by its Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs; the United States was represented by its Secretary of State; and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) was represented by its Minister of People's Power for Foreign Affairs.

^g Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and United States.

^h Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.

ⁱ France was represented by its Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Development.

^j *For:* Egypt, France, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Senegal, Spain, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay; *against:* Russian Federation, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of); *abstaining:* Angola, China.

^k *For:* China, Egypt, Russian Federation, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of); *against:* France, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Senegal, Spain, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States; *abstaining:* Angola, Uruguay.

^l Angola, China, Egypt (on behalf of Egypt, New Zealand and Spain), France, Japan, New Zealand, Russian Federation (President of the Security Council), Senegal, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

^m China, France, Japan, Russian Federation (President of the Security Council), Ukraine, United Kingdom and United States.

ⁿ China, Egypt, France, Japan, Spain, Russian Federation, Ukraine, United Kingdom and United States.

^o The World Health Organization Representative in Syria participated in the meeting via videoconference from Damascus.

- ^p The Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria participated in the meeting via videoconference from Geneva; the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator participated in the meeting via videoconference from London; and the UNICEF Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa participated in the meeting via videoconference from Amman.
- ^q *For:* Egypt, France, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Senegal, Spain, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay; *against:* China, Russian Federation, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of); *abstaining:* Angola.
- ^r The Executive Director of the World Health Organization Health Emergencies Programme participated in the meeting via videoconference from Geneva.
- ^s Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and United States.
- ^t Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.
- ^u *For:* France, Italy, Japan, Senegal, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay; *against:* Bolivia (Plurinational State of), China, Russian Federation; *abstaining:* Egypt, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan.
- ^v *For:* Egypt, France, Italy, Japan, Senegal, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay; *against:* Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Russian Federation; *abstaining:* China, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan.
- ^w The Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator participated in the meeting via video-conference from Amman.
- ^x Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom and United States.
- ^y Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Turkey.
- ^z *For:* Bolivia (Plurinational State of), China, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation; *against:* France, Italy, Japan, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay; *abstaining:* Egypt, Ethiopia, Senegal.
- ^{aa} *For:* Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Italy, Japan, Senegal, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay; *against:* Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Russian Federation; *abstaining:* China, Kazakhstan.
- ^{bb} The Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator participated in the meeting via video-conference from Amman.
- ^{cc} France, Italy, Japan, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom and United States.
- ^{dd} *For:* Bolivia (Plurinational State of), China, Russian Federation; *against:* France, Italy, Japan, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States; *abstaining:* Egypt, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, Senegal, Uruguay.
- ^{ee} *For:* Ethiopia, France, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Senegal, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay; *against:* Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Russian Federation; *abstaining:* China, Egypt.
- ^{ff} *For:* Bolivia (Plurinational State of), China, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation; *against:* France, Italy, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay; *abstaining:* Egypt, Ethiopia Japan, Senegal.
- ^{gg} Bolivia (Plurinational State of), China, Egypt, France, Italy (President of the Security Council), Russian Federation, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay.
- ^{hh} *For:* Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Senegal, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay; *against:* Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Russian Federation; *abstaining:* China.
- ⁱⁱ Bolivia (Plurinational State of), France, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation, United States and Uruguay.
- ^{jj} Bolivia (Plurinational State of), China, Ethiopia, France, Italy, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom and United States.
- ^{kk} *For:* Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Senegal, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay; *abstaining:* China, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Russian Federation.

Meetings: the situation in the Middle East – Yemen

<i>Meeting record and date</i>	<i>Sub-item</i>	<i>Other documents</i>	<i>Rule 37 invitations</i>	<i>Rule 39 and other invitations</i>	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Decision and vote (for-against-abstaining)</i>
S/PV.7622 16 February 2016				Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	Under-Secretary-General	
S/PV.7625 17 February 2016				Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen	One Council member (Japan), ^a Special Envoy	
S/PV.7630 24 February 2016	Letter dated 22 January 2016 from the Panel of Experts on Yemen established pursuant to Security Council resolution 2140 (2014) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2016/73)	Draft resolution submitted by United Kingdom (S/2016/172)			One Council member (Egypt)	Resolution 2266 (2016) 15-0-0 (adopted under Chapter VII)
S/PV.7641 3 March 2016			Yemen	Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	All invitees ^b	
S/PV.7672 15 April 2016			Yemen	Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen, Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator	All invitees	
S/PV.7676 25 April 2016						S/PRST/2016/5
S/PV.7721 21 June 2016			Yemen	Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen	All invitees ^c	
S/PV.7765 31 August 2016			Yemen	Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen	All invitees	

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S/PV.7797 31 October 2016			Yemen	Special Envoy of the Secretary- General for Yemen, Under-Secretary- General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa, World Food Programme	All Council members, all invitees ^d	
S/PV.7871 26 January 2017			Yemen	Special Envoy of the Secretary- General for Yemen, Under-Secretary- General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	One Council member (Uruguay), all invitees	
S/PV.7889 23 February 2017	Letter dated 27 January 2017 from the Panel of Experts on Yemen addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2017/81)	Draft resolution submitted by United Kingdom (S/2017/142)				Resolution 2342 (2017) 15-0-0
S/PV.7954 30 May 2017			Yemen	Special Envoy of the Secretary- General for Yemen, Under-Secretary- General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, representative of the Mwatana Organization for Human Rights	Two Council members (Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Uruguay), all invitees	
S/PV.7974 15 June 2017						S/PRST/2017/7

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S/PV.7999 12 July 2017			Yemen	Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Director-General of the World Health Organization, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	Three Council members (Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Sweden, Uruguay), all invitees ^e	
S/PV.8027 18 August 2017			Yemen	Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	Two Council members (Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Uruguay), all invitees ^f	
S/PV.8066 10 October 2017			Yemen	Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen, Director of the Coordination and Response Division of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs	Two Council members (Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Uruguay), all invitees	

^a The representative of Japan spoke in his capacity as Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 2140 (2014).

^b The Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator participated in the meeting via videoconference from Brussels.

^c The Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen participated in the meeting via videoconference from Kuwait City.

^d The Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator participated in the meeting via videoconference from Bahrain.

^e The Special Envoy of the Secretary-General participated in the meeting via videoconference from Amman; and the Directors General of the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations participated in the meeting via videoconference from Geneva.

^f Yemen was represented by its Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs. The Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen participated in the meeting via videoconference from Amman.

Meetings: the situation in the Middle East – United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

<i>Meeting record and date</i>	<i>Sub-item</i>	<i>Other documents</i>	<i>Rule 37 invitations</i>	<i>Rule 39 and other invitations</i>	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Decision and vote (for-against-abstaining)</i>
S/PV.7726 29 June 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) for the period from 1 March to 20 May 2016 (S/2016/520)	Draft resolution submitted by Russian Federation, United States (S/2016/578)			One Council member (New Zealand)	Resolution 2294 (2016) 15-0-0
S/PV.7843 19 December 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on UNDOF for the period from 30 August to 17 November 2016 (S/2016/1037)	Draft resolution submitted by Russian Federation, United States (S/2016/1064)				Resolution 2330 (2016) 15-0-0
S/PV.7986 29 June 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on UNDOF for the period from 2 March to 16 May 2017 (S/2017/486)	Draft resolution submitted by Russian Federation, United States (S/2017/547)				Resolution 2361 (2017) 15-0-0
S/PV.8145 21 December 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on UNDOF for the period from 10 September to 24 November 2017 (S/2017/1024)	Draft resolution submitted by Russian Federation, United States (S/2017/1074)				Resolution 2394 (2017) 15-0-0

Meetings: the situation in the Middle East – United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon and Security Council resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#)

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S/PV.7742 22 July 2016			Lebanon			S/PRST/2016/10
S/PV.7763 30 August 2016	Letter dated 3 August 2016 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2016/681)	Draft resolution submitted by 12 Council members ^a (S/2016/744)	Israel, Italy, Lebanon			Resolution 2305 (2016) 15-0-0
S/PV.7799 1 November 2016			Lebanon			S/PRST/2016/15
S/PV.8037 30 August 2017	Letter dated 4 August 2017 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2017/680)	Draft resolution submitted by France (S/2017/743)	Israel, Lebanon		7 Council members ^b	Resolution 2373 (2017) 15-0-0

^a Angola, Egypt, France, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Senegal, Spain, Ukraine, United Kingdom and United States.

^b China, France, Italy, Russian Federation, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay.

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

During the period under review, the Security Council held 26 meetings in connection with the item entitled “The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question”. The Council adopted one resolution, in December 2016, and failed to adopt a draft resolution, in December 2017, owing to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Council. During the review period and in accordance with past practice, the Council heard briefings by the Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General on a regular basis and held quarterly open debates under the item. In 2016–2017, the Council also considered developments in Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and Yemen and the overall political situation in the Middle East.²⁷⁵ More information on the meetings, including on participants, speakers and outcomes, is given in the table below.

During the period 2016–2017, the Council discussed the question of the continued expansion of Israeli settlements in the West Bank. On 23 December 2016, following the withdrawal of a draft resolution sponsored by Egypt,²⁷⁶ the Council considered a draft resolution submitted by Malaysia, New Zealand, Senegal and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, which was adopted as resolution 2334 (2016). In the resolution, the Council expressed grave concern that continuing Israeli settlement activities were dangerously imperilling the viability of the two-State solution based on the 1967 lines, and reiterated its vision of a region where two democratic States, Israel and Palestine, lived side by side in peace within secure and recognized borders. In that regard, the Council reaffirmed that the establishment by Israel of settlements in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967 had no legal validity and constituted a flagrant violation under international law, and stressed that the cessation of all Israeli settlement activities was essential for salvaging the two-State solution.²⁷⁷

Following the adoption of resolution 2334 (2016), the Special Coordinator reported to the Council every three months on its implementation, on 24 March, 20 June, 25 September and 18 December

2017.²⁷⁸ At those meetings, some Council members requested that a report be circulated in writing before the meetings of the Council.²⁷⁹ In the briefings, the Special Coordinator also focused on the lack of progress in the negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians towards achieving a two-State solution, the evolution of the intra-Palestinian dialogue and the deteriorating humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip.

In July and August 2017, the Council heard briefings by the Special Coordinator and the Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs on the rising tensions created by the closure of the Temple Mount by Israel after the violent incidents between Israelis and Palestinians that occurred on 14 July. The crisis was brought to a conclusion by negotiations between Israel and Jordan at the end of August.²⁸⁰ On 18 October 2017, the Council was briefed on the agreement between Hamas and Fatah of 12 October 2017, which enabled the Palestinian Authority to resume its responsibilities in Gaza.²⁸¹

On 8 December 2017, following the recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel by the President of the United States, the Council held an emergency meeting, requested by eight Council members,²⁸² at which it heard a briefing by the Special Coordinator.²⁸³ During the meeting, speakers cautioned against unilateral actions that would pose a threat to peace and stability in the region, and expressed concern about the impact of the decision of the United States on the peace process. On 18 December 2017, owing to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Council, the Council failed to adopt a draft resolution submitted by Egypt,²⁸⁴ by which it would have affirmed that any decisions and actions which purported to have altered the character, status or demographic composition of the Holy City of Jerusalem had no legal effect, were null and void and had to be rescinded in compliance with relevant resolutions of the Council. In addition, the

²⁷⁵ For more information, see part I, sect. 23, “The situation in the Middle East”.

²⁷⁶ S/PV.7853, p. 4 (Egypt). For more information on the procedural aspects of the withdrawal, see part II, sect. VIII, “Decision-making and voting”.

²⁷⁷ Resolution 2334 (2016), fifth and ninth preambular paragraphs, and paras. 1 and 4.

²⁷⁸ See S/PV.7908, S/PV.7977, S/PV.8054 and S/PV.8138.

²⁷⁹ S/PV.7908, p. 5 (Uruguay); and p. 7 (Bolivia); S/PV.7977, p. 14 (Uruguay); S/PV.8054, p. 5 (Uruguay); and p. 7 (Bolivia); and S/PV.8138, p. 6 (Uruguay); and p. 8 (Bolivia).

²⁸⁰ See S/PV.8011, p. 2 (Special Coordinator), and S/PV.8028, p. 2 (Assistant-Secretary-General for Political Affairs).

²⁸¹ S/PV.8072, pp. 2–4.

²⁸² For more information on meetings requested by Member States, see part II, sect. I, “Meetings and records”.

²⁸³ S/PV.8128, pp. 2–3.

²⁸⁴ S/PV.8139, p. 3.