

^k The Special Coordinator participated in the meeting via videoconference from Jerusalem. The representative of Bangladesh spoke on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation; the representative of Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) spoke on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement; and the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Delegation of the European Union spoke on behalf of the European Union and its member States, as well as Albania, Liechtenstein, Montenegro and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

^l Bangladesh, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Morocco, Namibia, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Viet Nam.

^m Kazakhstan was represented by its Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs.

ⁿ The Special Coordinator joined via videoconference from Jerusalem. The representative of Bangladesh spoke on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation; the representative of Oman spoke on behalf of the Group of Arab States; and the representative of Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) spoke on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

25. The situation concerning Iraq

During 2018, the Security Council held five meetings and adopted one resolution in connection with the situation concerning Iraq. With the unanimous adoption of resolution [2421 \(2018\)](#), the Council renewed the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) for a period of 10 months, until 31 May 2019.⁴⁰⁵ Except for one, all meetings under this item during the period under review took the form of briefings.⁴⁰⁶ More information on the meetings, including on participants, speakers and outcomes, is given in the table below.

During the period under review, the Council heard briefings on a quarterly basis by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Iraq and Head of UNAMI on the situation in Iraq. Against the backdrop of the defeat of Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL, also known as Da'esh), the Special Representative briefed the Council on the holding and status of parliamentary elections, as well as on the activities of UNAMI in the areas of political dialogue and national reconciliation. In that regard, the Special Representative noted that the voluntary and dignified return of internally displaced persons, under conditions of safety and security, was critical for the success and credibility of the elections.⁴⁰⁷ He also briefed the Council on the public protests following allegations of electoral fraud and mismanagement of the parliamentary elections.⁴⁰⁸ The Special Representative also made reference to the question of missing Kuwaiti and third-country nationals and property.⁴⁰⁹ During his final briefing to the Council, the Special Representative reported that the Special Adviser and

Head of the United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant had arrived in Iraq on 30 October.⁴¹⁰

The Under-Secretary-General of the Office of Counter-Terrorism and the Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate gave one briefing to the Council, on the joint visit to Iraq in March 2018 and the dispatch of a joint scoping mission by the Office and the Executive Directorate at the beginning of May 2018 to identify specific elements of programmatic support to the Government of Iraq.⁴¹¹

The Permanent Observer and Head of the Delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to the United Nations also gave one briefing to the Council, on the topic of missing persons from the 1991 Gulf War and the work of the tripartite mechanism, chaired by ICRC, to trace the persons still unaccounted for as a result of the conflict.⁴¹² At the same meeting, a representative of the Women Empowerment Organization in Iraq and coordinator of the Iraqi cross-sector task force for the implementation of Security Council resolution [1325 \(2000\)](#) gave a briefing to the Council on the situation of women in Iraq and the work of the task force in its development of a national action plan.⁴¹³

At the five above-mentioned meetings, Council members discussed the progress of national elections, the overall political process and the reconstruction efforts in the context of the progressive liberation and recovery of territories that were under the control of

⁴⁰⁵ Resolution [2421 \(2018\)](#), para. 1. For more information on the mandate of UNAMI, see part X, sect. II.

⁴⁰⁶ For more information on the format of meetings, see part II, sect. I.

⁴⁰⁷ [S/PV.8184](#), p. 2.

⁴⁰⁸ [S/PV.8324](#), p. 2.

⁴⁰⁹ [S/PV.8184](#), p. 3; [S/PV.8271](#), p. 4; and [S/PV.8324](#), p. 4.

⁴¹⁰ [S/PV.8396](#), p. 3. For more information, see part VI, sect. II, "Investigation of disputes and fact-finding", and part IX, sect. III, "Investigative bodies".

⁴¹¹ [S/PV.8271](#), pp. 4–7.

⁴¹² [S/PV.8324](#), pp. 4–5.

⁴¹³ *Ibid.*, p. 5.

ISIL (Da'esh). In that regard, certain Council members expressed their support for the Investigative Team and called upon the Government of Iraq to cooperate with it. Council members also focused on the humanitarian issues faced by the country, including the return of internally displaced persons.

At its 8285th meeting, on 14 June 2018, the Council renewed the mandate of UNAMI for a period of 10 months, until 31 May 2019, by resolution [2421 \(2018\)](#), adopted unanimously.⁴¹⁴ As explained in the meeting, the decision to extend the mandate for a period of 10 months was made to better align mandate renewals with the budget cycle, in keeping with the findings of the independent external assessment of UNAMI.⁴¹⁵ In the resolution, the Council welcomed the results of the assessment,⁴¹⁶ and decided that the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Iraq and UNAMI, taking into account the views of the

Government of Iraq,⁴¹⁷ would prioritize the provision of advice, support and assistance on advancing inclusive political dialogue and national and community-level reconciliation.⁴¹⁸ In addition, the Council decided that the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and UNAMI would further advise, support and assist the Government of Iraq, inter alia, on the development of processes for holding elections and on constitutional review, as well as approaching gender mainstreaming as a cross-cutting issue throughout its mandate and advising the Government in ensuring the participation, involvement and representation of women at all levels.⁴¹⁹

The security situation in Iraq and the threat posed by ISIL (Da'esh) were also considered by the Council under the items entitled “Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts” and “Maintenance of international peace and security”.⁴²⁰

⁴¹⁴ Resolution [2421 \(2018\)](#), para. 1.

⁴¹⁵ [S/PV.8285](#), p. 2 (United States). See also [S/2017/966](#).

⁴¹⁶ Resolution [2421 \(2018\)](#), para. 5. For more information on the mandate of UNAMI, see part X, sect. II.

⁴¹⁷ See [S/2018/430](#).

⁴¹⁸ Resolution [2421 \(2018\)](#), para. 2 (a).

⁴¹⁹ *Ibid.*, paras. 2 (b) and (e).

⁴²⁰ For further details, see part I, sects. 31 and 37.

Meetings: the situation concerning Iraq

<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.8184 20 February 2018	Seventeenth report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 2107 (2013) (S/2018/40) Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to resolution 2367 (2017) (S/2018/42)		Iraq	Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Iraq and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	Six Council members, ^a all invitees	
S/PV.8271 30 May 2018	Eighteenth report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 2107 (2013) (S/2018/353) Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to Security Council resolution 2367 (2017) (S/2018/359)		Iraq	Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, Under-Secretary-General of the Office of Counter-Terrorism	Five Council members (Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Peru, United States), all invitees	

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S/PV.8285 14 June 2018		Draft resolution submitted by United States (S/2018/604)			Two Council members (Sweden, United States)	Resolution 2421 (2018) 15-0-0
S/PV.8324 8 August 2018	Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to resolution 2367 (2017) (S/2018/677) Nineteenth report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 2107 (2013) (S/2018/683)		Iraq	Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Permanent Observer and Head of the Delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross to the United Nations, representative of the Women Empowerment Organization in Iraq	Two Council members (Kuwait, Peru), all invitees	
S/PV.8396 13 November 2018	Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to resolution 2421 (2018) (S/2018/975) Twentieth report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 2107 (2013) (S/2018/976)		Iraq	Special Representative of the Secretary-General	All Council members, all invitees	

^a Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Côte d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Kazakhstan, Kuwait and Peru. Kuwait (President of the Security Council) was represented by its Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Thematic issues

26. United Nations peacekeeping operations

During the period under review, the Security Council held seven meetings, adopted two resolutions and issued one presidential statement in connection with the item entitled “United Nations peacekeeping operations”. Two of the meetings took the form of briefings, three were convened for the adoption of a decision and, of the remaining two, one was a debate

and the other an open debate.⁴²¹ The open debate was a high-level meeting to discuss collective action to improve United Nations peacekeeping, while the debate was the first annual meeting on the reform of peacekeeping held pursuant to resolution [2378](#)

⁴²¹ For more information on the format of meetings, see part II, sect. I.